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LOIS! LANA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH HERCULES AND SAMSON?
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IF YOU HAVE EVER WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF LOIS LANE AND HER ARCH-RIVAL FOR THE AFFECTIONS OF **SUPERMAN**, LANA LANG, BECAME INTERESTED IN OTHER SUPER-HEROES, THIS STORY WILL SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY! FOR IN THIS IMAGINARY TALE, WHICH **COULD** OR **COULD NOT** HAPPEN, LOIS AND LANA BURY THE HATCHET, END THEIR COMPETITION, TURN THEIR BACKS ON **SUPERMAN** AND FIND ROMANCE WITH TWO OF HISTORY'S MIGHTIEST SUPERMEN! LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN AWAY WITH YOU AND PICTURE A NEW LOIS AND LANA IN THE STORY OF...

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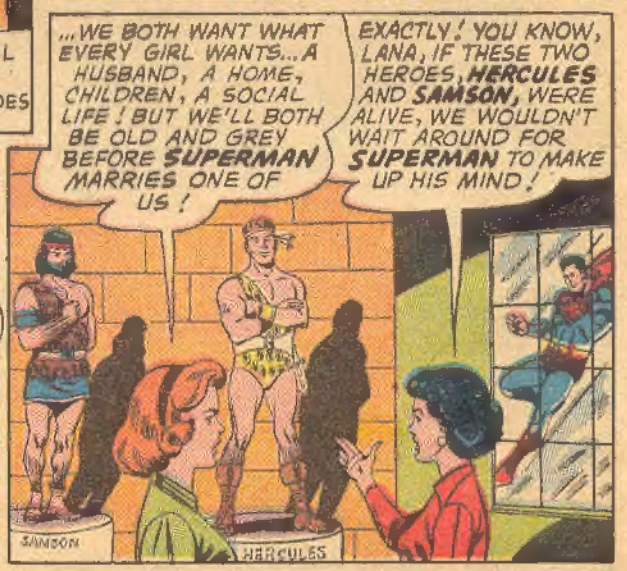
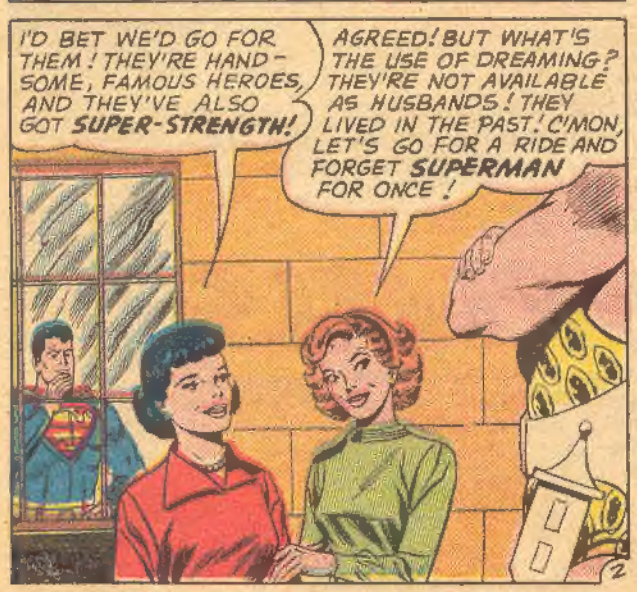
ONE IMAGINARY DAY, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT EVER HAPPEN, FATE BRINGS LOIS LANE AND HER ARCH-RIVAL FOR SUPERMAN'S AFFECTIONS, LANA LANG, TOGETHER IN THE HALL OF HEROES OF THE METROPOLIS MUSEUM!
HI, LOIS! YOU HERE ALONE, TOO?
YES! WITHOUT A DATE, LIKE YOU! BUT IT'S OUR OWN FAULT, LANA! FOR YEARS, BOTH OF US HAVE PASSED UP WONDERFUL CHANCES TO GET MARRIED!
HALL OF HEROES
SAMSON
HERCULES

AND WHY? EACH OF US HOPED SUPERMAN WOULD PROPOSE! BUT WE'RE KIDDING OURSELVES! HE'LL NEVER MARRY US!
TRUE! I'VE BEEN CRAZY ABOUT HIM EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS IN SMALLVILLE! BUT HE'S NEVER TAKEN ME SERIOUSLY! IT'S TIME I DID FACE REALITY! LOVING SUPERMAN IS A HOPELESS CAUSE!

AT THAT MOMENT...
OH-OH! I'VE JUST SPOTTED LOIS AND LANA EXCHANGING WORDS! I'D BETTER TUNE IN ON THEIR CONVERSATION WITH MY SUPER-HEARING! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREVENT A HAIR-PULLING CONTEST!
HOW SILLY WE ARE TO WAIT AROUND FOR A PROPOSAL THAT'LL NEVER COME...


...WE BOTH WANT WHAT EVERY GIRL WANTS...A HUSBAND, A HOME, CHILDREN, A SOCIAL LIFE! BUT WE'LL BOTH BE OLD AND GREY BEFORE SUPERMAN MARRIES ONE OF US!
EXACTLY! YOU KNOW, LANA, IF THESE TWO HEROES, HERCULES AND SAMSON, WERE ALIVE, WE WOULDN'T WAIT AROUND FOR SUPERMAN TO MAKE UP HIS MIND!
SAMSON
HERCULES


I'D BET WE'D GO FOR THEM! THEY'RE HANDSOME, FAMOUS HEROES, AND THEY'VE ALSO GOT SUPER-STRENGTH!
AGREED! BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF DREAMING? THEY'RE NOT AVAILABLE AS HUSBANDS! THEY LIVED IN THE PAST! C'MON, LET'S GO FOR A RIDE AND FORGET SUPERMAN FOR ONCE!
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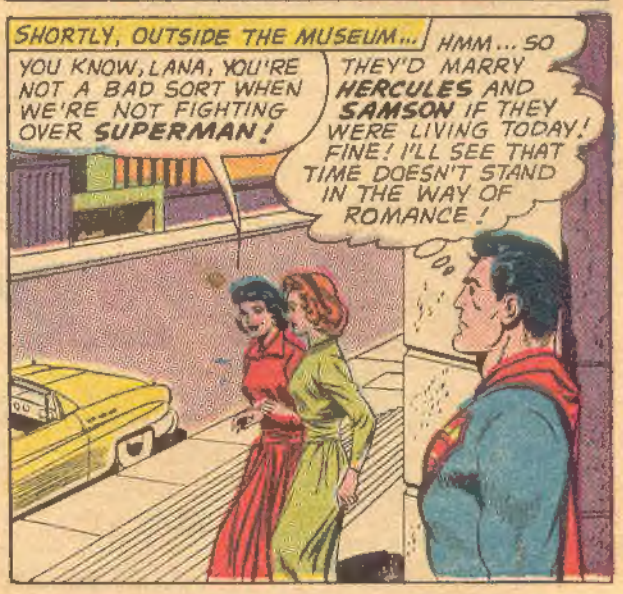
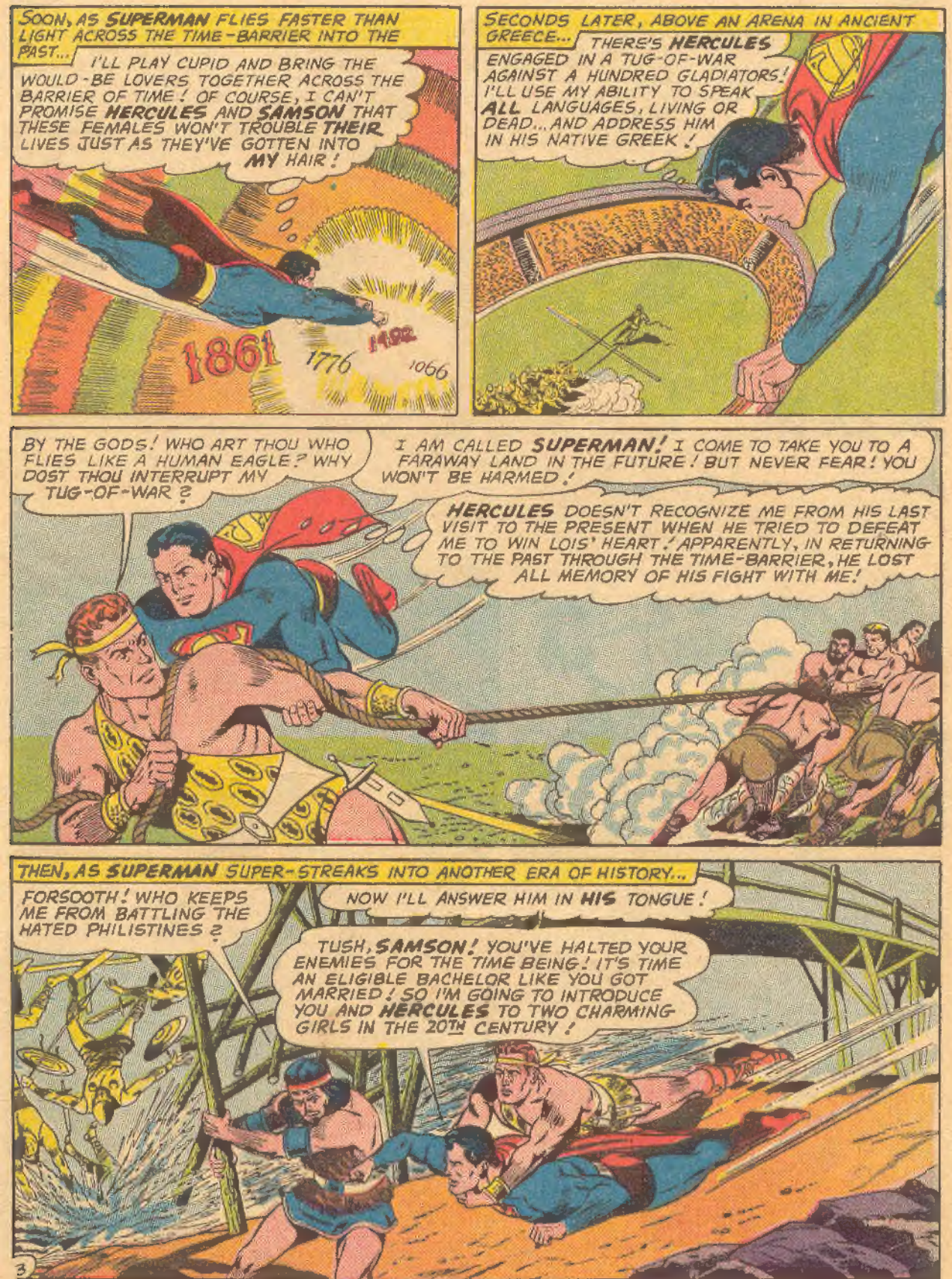

SHORTLY, OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM...
YOU KNOW, LANA, YOU'RE NOT A BAD SORT WHEN WE'RE NOT FIGHTING OVER SUPERMAN!
HMM... SO THEY'D MARRY HERCULES AND SAMSON IF THEY WERE LIVING TODAY! FINE! I'LL SEE THAT TIME DOESN'T STAND IN THE WAY OF ROMANCE!


SOON, AS SUPERMAN FLIES FASTER THAN LIGHT ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE PAST...
I'LL PLAY CUPID AND BRING THE WOULD-BE LOVERS TOGETHER ACROSS THE BARRIER OF TIME! OF COURSE, I CAN'T PROMISE HERCULES AND SAMSON THAT THESE FEMALES WON'T TROUBLE THEIR LIVES JUST AS THEY'VE GOTTEN INTO MY HAIR!
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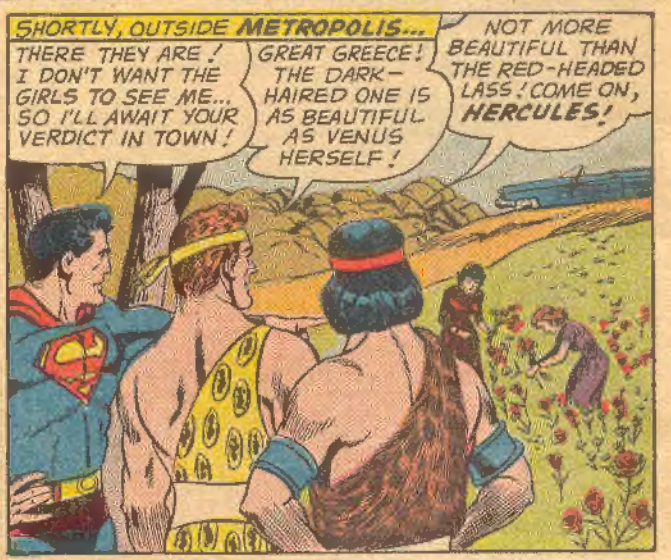
SECONDS LATER, ABOVE AN ARENA IN ANCIENT GREECE...
THERE'S HERCULES ENGAGED IN A TUG-OF-WAR AGAINST A HUNDRED GLADIATORS! I'LL USE MY ABILITY TO SPEAK ALL LANGUAGES, LIVING OR DEAD... AND ADDRESS HIM IN HIS NATIVE GREEK!
BY THE GODS! WHO ART THOU WHO FLIES LIKE A HUMAN EAGLE? WHY DOST THOU INTERRUPT MY TUG-OF-WAR?
I AM CALLED SUPERMAN! I COME TO TAKE YOU TO A FARAWAY LAND IN THE FUTURE! BUT NEVER FEAR! YOU WON'T BE HARMED!
HERCULES DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME FROM HIS LAST VISIT TO THE PRESENT WHEN HE TRIED TO DEFEAT ME TO WIN LOIS' HEART! APPARENTLY, IN RETURNING TO THE PAST THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER, HE LOST ALL MEMORY OF HIS FIGHT WITH ME!
THEN, AS SUPERMAN SUPER-STREAKS INTO ANOTHER ERA OF HISTORY...
FORSOOTH! WHO KEEPS ME FROM BATTLING THE HATED PHILISTINES?
NOW I'LL ANSWER HIM IN HIS TONGUE!
TUSH, SAMSON! YOU'VE HALTED YOUR ENEMIES FOR THE TIME BEING! IT'S TIME AN ELIGIBLE BACHELOR LIKE YOU GOT MARRIED! SO I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU AND HERCULES TO TWO CHARMING GIRLS IN THE 20TH CENTURY!

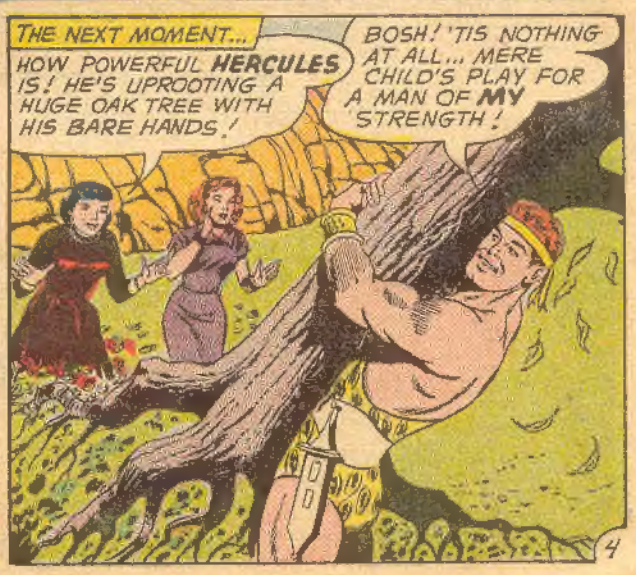
PRESENTLY, AT SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
AFTER THIS APPARATUS DOES ITS WORK, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS YOURSELVES IN MY TONGUE! WITHIN MINUTES, THIS LANGUAGE-TAPE MACHINE I'VE INVENTED WILL IMPLANT IN YOUR SUB-CONSCIOUS MINDS A COMPLETE GRASP OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE!

BUT SUPERMAN... WHAT IF WE DON'T LIKE THESE TWO GIRLS YOU'VE PICKED OUT FOR US AS WIVES?
DON'T WORRY! IF NEITHER OF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH THEM, I'LL TRANSPORT YOU BOTH BACK TO THE PAST!

MINUTES AFTER...
OKAY, SAMSON... NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE!
LEARN IT HE WILL! THOU HAST MADE ME SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY! LISTEN TO THE STRANGE WORDS I NOW KNOW!... "GOLLY!" "HOT DOG!" "ROCK AND ROLL"! "SPACE SATELLITE!"


SHORTLY, OUTSIDE METROPOLIS...
THERE THEY ARE! I DON'T WANT THE GIRLS TO SEE ME... SO I'LL AWAIT YOUR VERDICT IN TOWN!
GREAT GREECE! THE DARK-HAIRED ONE IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS VENUS HERSELF!
NOT MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THE RED-HEADED LASS! COME ON, HERCULES!

SOON, AS THE FAMED DUO EXPLAINS ITS SUDDEN APPEARANCE...
SUPERMAN SAID HE OVERHEARD THEE BOTH WISH HERCULES AND I LIVED IN THE PRESENT... SO HE MADE MY WISH COME TRUE!
HOW GENEROUS OF HIM! HMM... I WISH I HAD SOME SHADE SO I COULD SEE YOU BETTER!
I'LL GIVE THEE SHADE, LOIS!


THE NEXT MOMENT...
HOW POWERFUL HERCULES IS! HE'S UPROOTING A HUGE OAK TREE WITH HIS BARE HANDS!
BOSH! 'TIS NOTHING AT ALL... MERE CHILD'S PLAY FOR A MAN OF MY STRENGTH!

THERE! I HAVE RE-PLANTED IT! NOW THOU HAST SHADE A-PLENTY!
GOODNESS! I'VE BECOME SO THIRSTY! I WISH I HAD A COOL DRINK!
I'LL FETCH THEE ONE, LANA!

I SAW SOME MOISTURE TRICKLE FROM A CRACK IN THE ROCK... SO I GUESSED THERE WAS A HIDDEN SPRING BEHIND IT.' NOW, LANA, THOU HAST A FOUNTAIN OF FRESH COOL WATER!
CRACKK!
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, LOIS? HERE ARE THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MEN... OUTSIDE OF SUPERMAN... YET THEIR ONLY THOUGHTS ARE TO MAKE US HAPPY!

AYE, BEAUTIFUL LANA! LET ME SERVE THEE FOREVER AS THY LOVING HUSBAND!
AND I BEG THEE, LOIS... BE MY WIFE! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THEE HAPPY!
LANA, IF WE PASS UP THIS CHANCE AT MARRIAGE, WE'RE CRAZY! RIGHT?
RIGHT!

THAT AFTERNOON...
THANKS FOR BRINGING US INTO THE PRESENT, SUPERMAN! SAMSON AND I ARE GOING TO MARRY THE TWO MOST WONDERFUL GIRLS IN THE WORLD!
THAT'S RIGHT.' LANA AND I ARE THROUGH BEING OLD MAIDS! WE'RE HEADED FOR THE MARRIAGE LICENSE BUREAU NOW!

THOU KNOWEST NOT WHAT THOU ART MISSING, SUPERMAN! BEING A LONELY BACHELOR IS NO FUN! WE SOON WILL HAVE WIVES TO COOK, CLEAN AND LOOK AFTER US!
SURE! HERCULES AND I WILL BE THE HAPPIEST MEN IN THE WORLD!
MAYBE SO, BOYS! BUT LET'S WAIT AND SEE!
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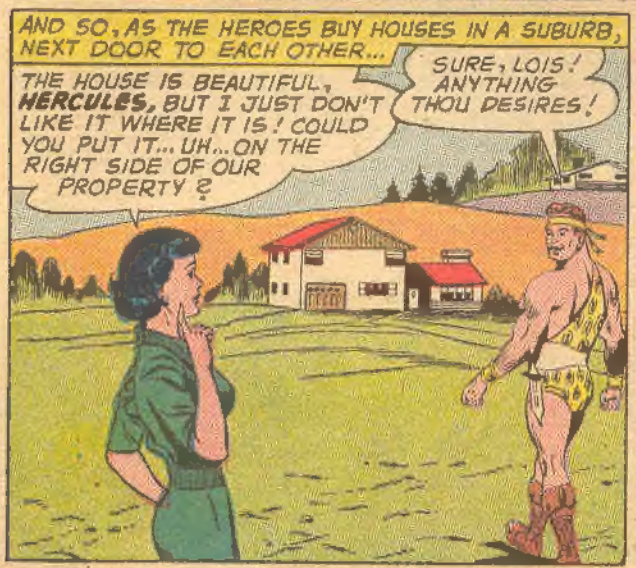
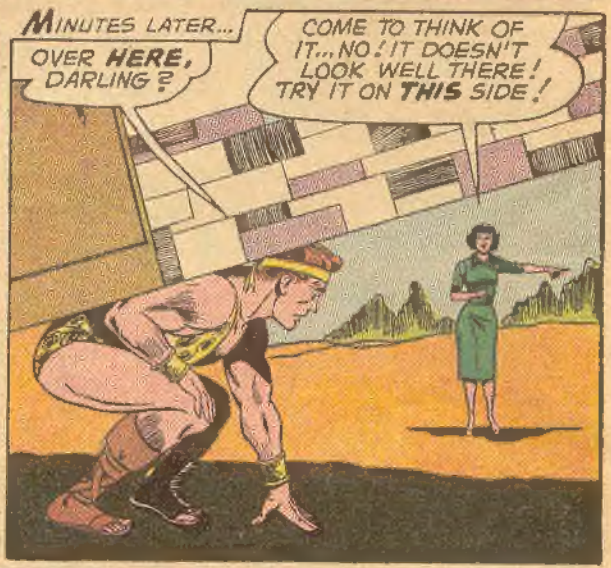
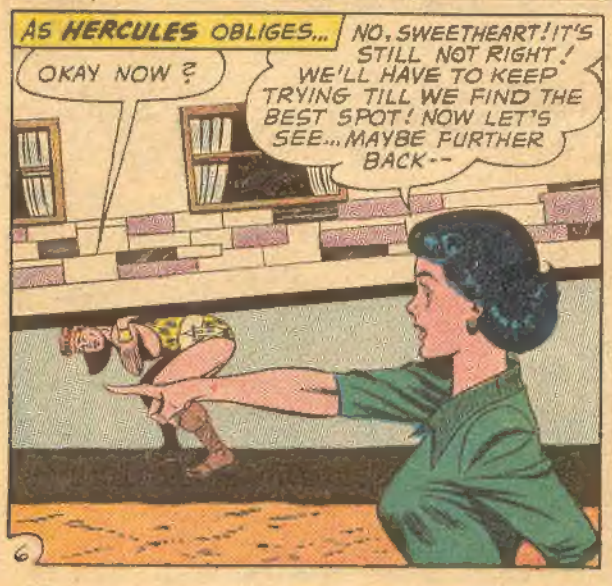
AT THE MARRIAGE LICENSE BUREAU...
I JUST HEARD ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCE FROM THE PAST! BUT I'M SORRY, GENTLEMEN! IN THIS CITY, WE DON'T ISSUE IMMEDIATE LICENSES! YOU MUST WAIT A WEEK!
WE'LL MAKE GOOD USE OF THE TIME, BOYS! LANA AND I WILL HELP YOU GET WORK!
MARRIAGE LICENSE BUREAU

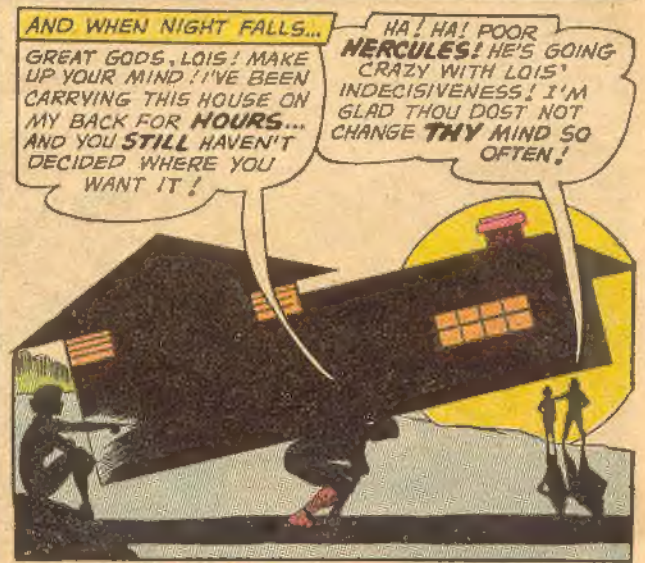
THE NEXT DAY, AT A TELEVISION AD AGENCY...
NOW LOOK, LARRY! I KNOW THIS BUSINESS! I TELL YOU HERCULES AND SAMSON WILL BE SENSATIONAL DOING TV COMMERCIALS! I'LL PERSONALLY REHEARSE THEM IN SELLING YOUR PRODUCTS!
YOU'VE GOT A DEAL, LANA! I AGREE THAT THEY'D HAVE TERRIFIC APPEAL ENDORSING CIGARS, CHEWING GUM, BREAKFAST CEREAL! I'LL USE THEM!
Shampoo your HAIR with SUDSO
TRY OUR TV DINNERS
Smoke for

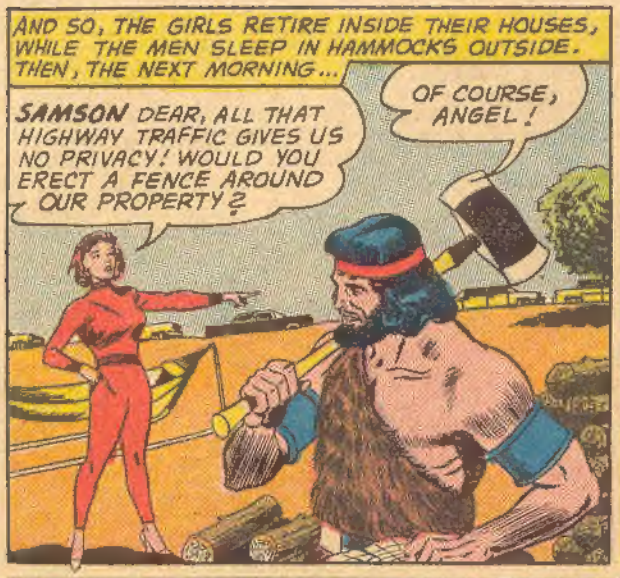
AND THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, AT A MOVIE PRODUCER'S OFFICE...
AFTER READING LOIS LANE'S ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR ARRIVAL FROM THE PAST, I HAD TO SIGN YOU UP FOR A "SAMSON MEETS HERCULES" PICTURE! BUT TILL WE FILM IT, KEEP WEARING YOUR COSTUMES! IT'LL BE GREAT PUBLICITY!
YES, SIR! THANKS FOR THE ADVANCE SALARY! NOW WE CAN BUY HOMES FOR OUR FUTURE WIVES!


AND SO, AS THE HEROES BUY HOUSES IN A SUBURB, NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER...
THE HOUSE IS BEAUTIFUL, HERCULES, BUT I JUST DON'T LIKE IT WHERE IT IS! COULD YOU PUT IT... UH... ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF OUR PROPERTY?
SURE, LOIS! ANYTHING THOU DESIRES!

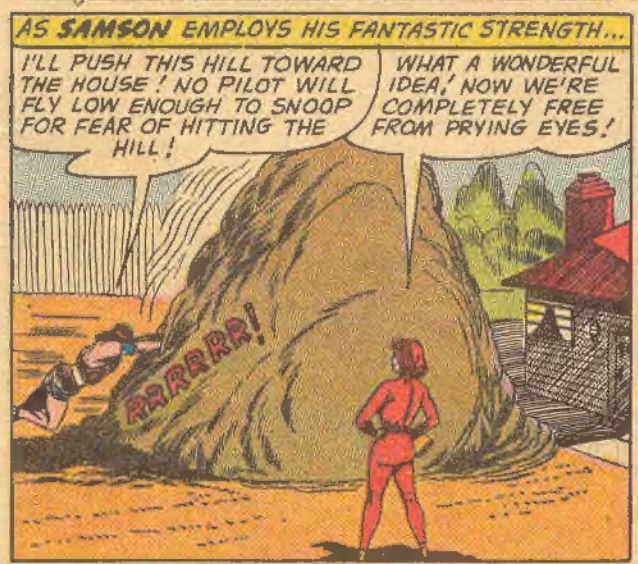

MINUTES LATER...
OVER HERE, DARLING?
COME TO THINK OF IT... NO! IT DOESN'T LOOK WELL THERE! TRY IT ON THIS SIDE!

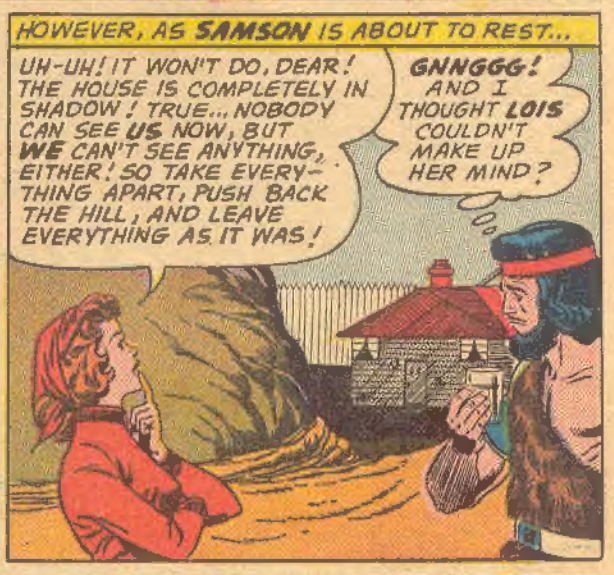

AS HERCULES OBLIGES...
OKAY NOW?
NO, SWEETHEART! IT'S STILL NOT RIGHT! WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP TRYING TILL WE FIND THE BEST SPOT! NOW LET'S SEE... MAYBE FURTHER BACK--


AND WHEN NIGHT FALLS...
GREAT GODS, LOIS! MAKE UP YOUR MIND! I'VE BEEN CARRYING THIS HOUSE ON MY BACK FOR HOURS... AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED WHERE YOU WANT IT!
HA! HA! POOR HERCULES! HE'S GOING CRAZY WITH LOIS' INDECISIVENESS! I'M GLAD THOU DOST NOT CHANGE THY MIND SO OFTEN!


AND SO, THE GIRLS RETIRE INSIDE THEIR HOUSES, WHILE THE MEN SLEEP IN HAMMOCKS OUTSIDE. THEN, THE NEXT MORNING...
SAMSON DEAR, ALL THAT HIGHWAY TRAFFIC GIVES US NO PRIVACY! WOULD YOU ERECT A FENCE AROUND OUR PROPERTY?
OF COURSE, ANGEL!

HOURS AFTER...
THE FENCE IS FINE, DEAR! ...BUT LOOK AT THAT HELICOPTER FLYING OVERHEAD! WE CAN STILL BE SEEN FROM THE AIR! WE STILL HAVE NO PRIVACY!
I'LL SOON FIX THAT, DARLING!

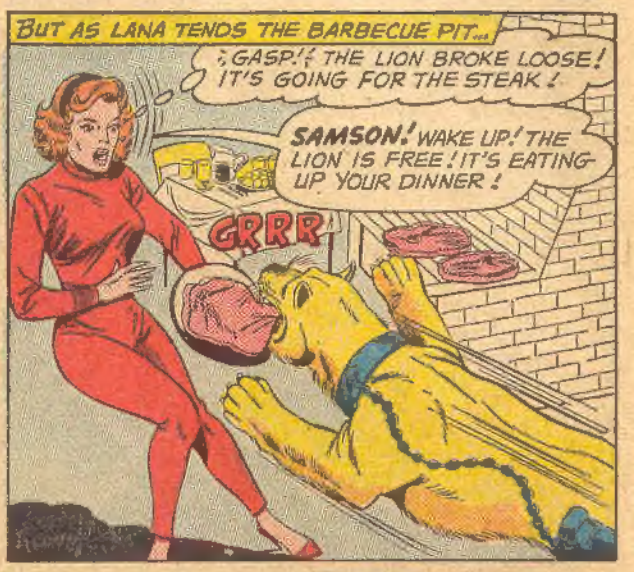

AS SAMSON EMPLOYS HIS FANTASTIC STRENGTH...
I'LL PUSH THIS HILL TOWARD THE HOUSE! NO PILOT WILL FLY LOW ENOUGH TO SNOOP FOR FEAR OF HITTING THE HILL!
WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA! NOW WE'RE COMPLETELY FREE FROM PRYING EYES!
RRRRRR!

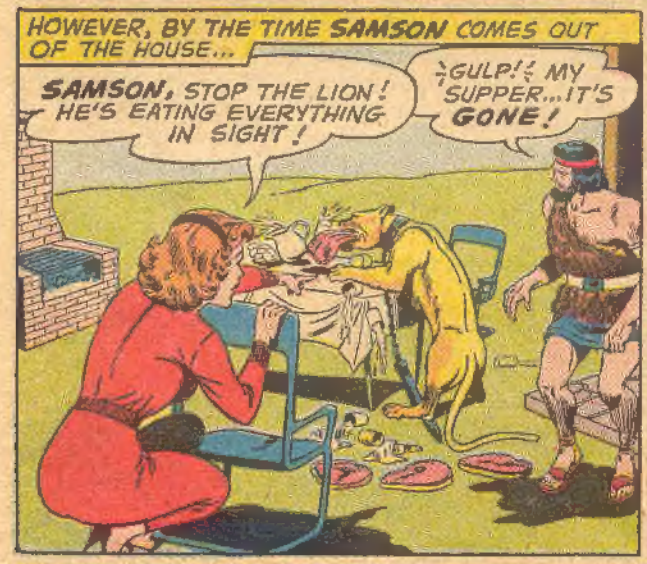

HOWEVER, AS SAMSON IS ABOUT TO REST...
UH-UH! IT WON'T DO, DEAR! THE HOUSE IS COMPLETELY IN SHADOW! TRUE... NOBODY CAN SEE US NOW, BUT WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, EITHER! SO TAKE EVERYTHING APART, PUSH BACK THE HILL, AND LEAVE EVERYTHING AS IT WAS!
GNNGGG! AND I THOUGHT LOIS COULDN'T MAKE UP HER MIND?

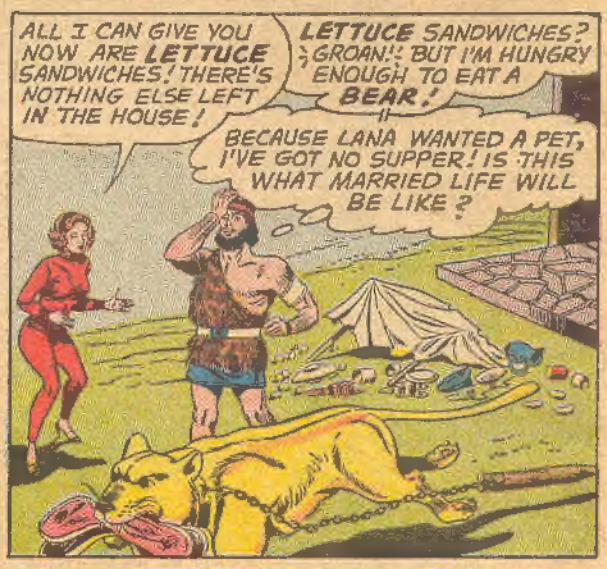
AS SAMSON RESTORES THE VIEW...
THANKS, DARLING! NOW I'D LIKE A PET! SOMETHING UNUSUAL! FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANCIENT DAYS, QUEENS KEPT LEOPARDS AS PETS!
YES, DEAR! I'LL GET THEE A PET FIT FOR A QUEEN!

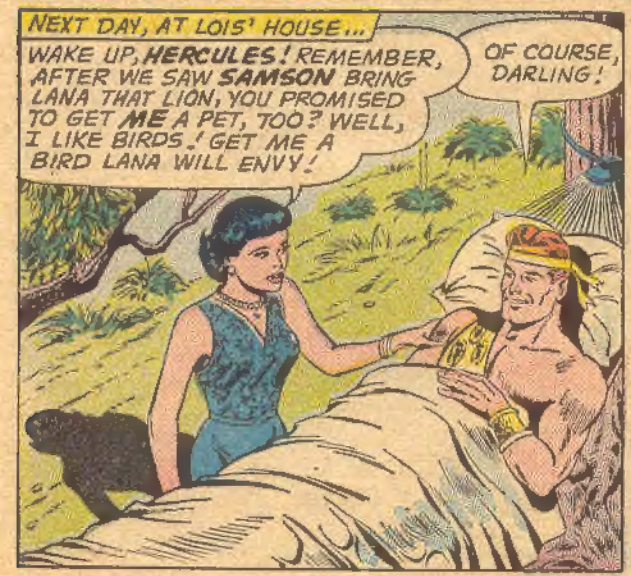
PRESENTLY, IN THE HILLS BEYOND METROPOLIS, AS SAMSON FOLLOWS A MOUNTAIN LION'S TRACKS...
GROOWRR!
IF MY FUTURE WIFE WANTS AN UNUSUAL PET, SHE'LL HAVE ONE! WITH ME NEARBY TO PROTECT HER, SHE'LL BE IN NO DANGER!

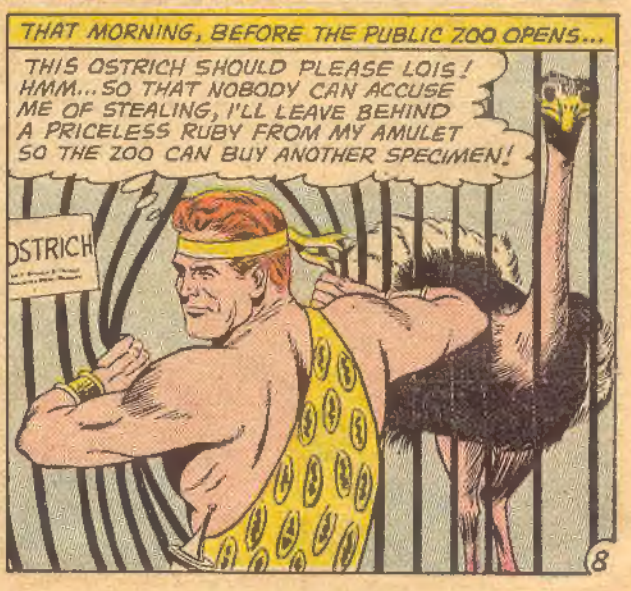
SOON...
A MOUNTAIN LION! OH, SAMSON, HOW LOIS WILL ENVY ME! CHAIN IT UP WHILE I MAKE A DELICIOUS DINNER FOR YOU! YOU MUST BE STARVED!
YES, LANA! I'LL SLUMBER WHILE YOU PREPAREST SUPPER!

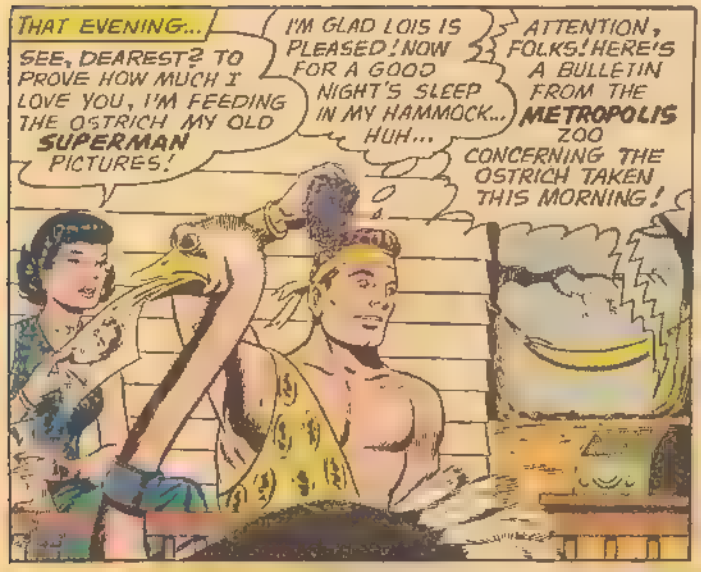

BUT AS LANA TENDS THE BARBECUE PIT...
GASP! THE LION BROKE LOOSE! IT'S GOING FOR THE STEAK!
SAMSON! WAKE UP! THE LION IS FREE! IT'S EATING UP YOUR DINNER!
GRRR

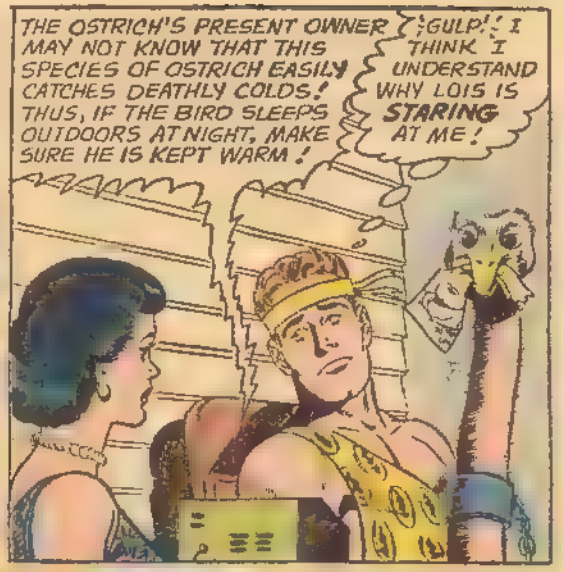

HOWEVER, BY THE TIME SAMSON COMES OUT OF THE HOUSE...
SAMSON, STOP THE LION! HE'S EATING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!
GULP! MY SUPPER...IT'S GONE!

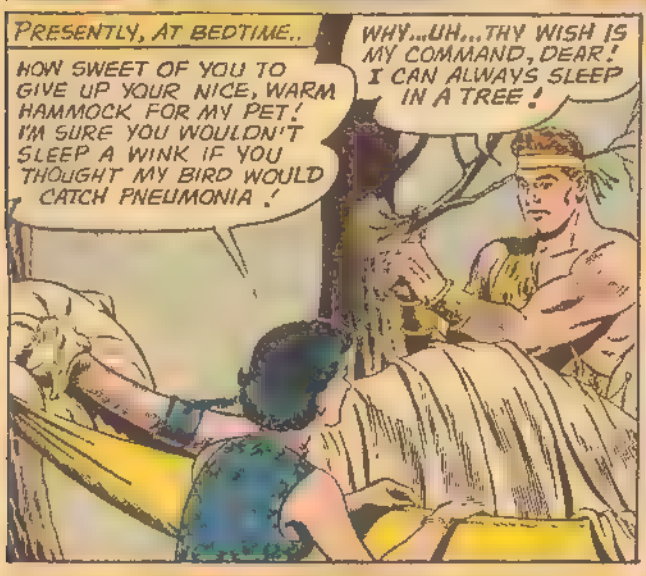

ALL I CAN GIVE YOU NOW ARE LETTUCE SANDWICHES! THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LEFT IN THE HOUSE!
LETTUCE SANDWICHES? GROAN! BUT I'M HUNGRY ENOUGH TO EAT A BEAR!
BECAUSE LANA WANTED A PET, I'VE GOT NO SUPPER! IS THIS WHAT MARRIED LIFE WILL BE LIKE?

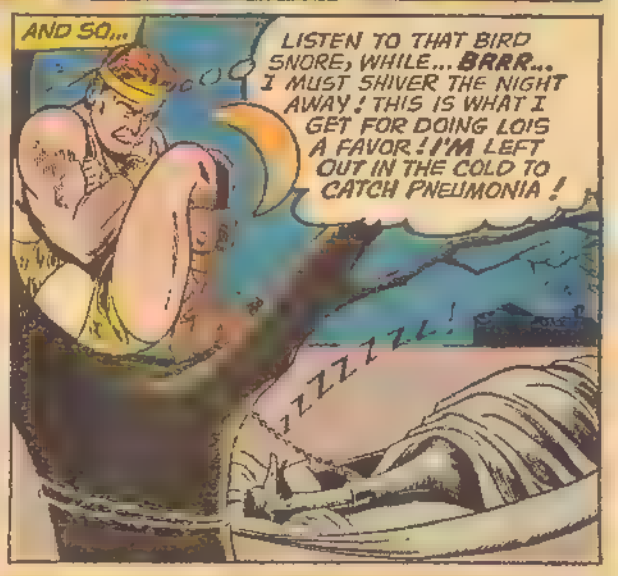

NEXT DAY, AT LOIS' HOUSE...
WAKE UP, HERCULES! REMEMBER, AFTER WE SAW SAMSON BRING LANA THAT LION, YOU PROMISED TO GET ME A PET, TOO? WELL, I LIKE BIRDS! GET ME A BIRD LANA WILL ENVY!
OF COURSE, DARLING!

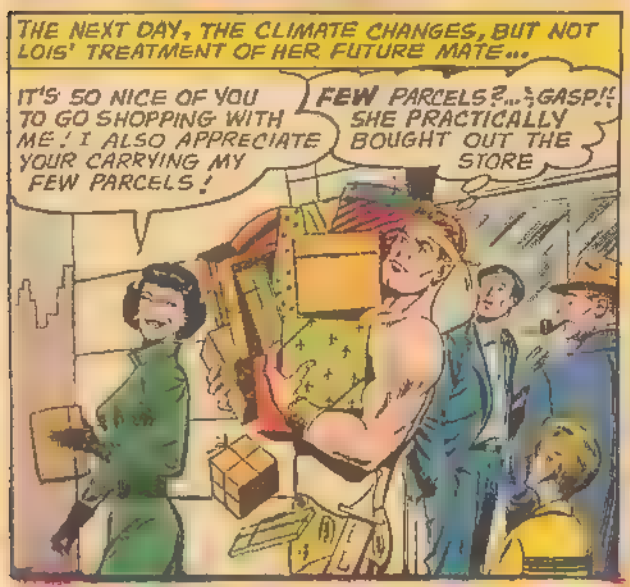

THAT MORNING, BEFORE THE PUBLIC ZOO OPENS...
THIS OSTRICH SHOULD PLEASE LOIS! HMM...SO THAT NOBODY CAN ACCUSE ME OF STEALING, I'LL LEAVE BEHIND A PRICELESS RUBY FROM MY AMULET SO THE ZOO CAN BUY ANOTHER SPECIMEN!
OSTRICH

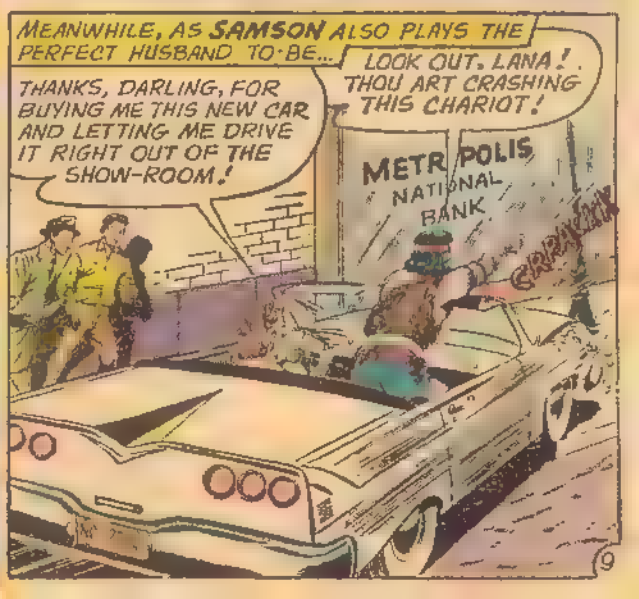

THAT EVENING...
SEE, DEAREST? TO PROVE HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, I'M FEEDING THE OSTRICH MY OLD SUPERMAN PICTURES!
I'M GLAD LOIS IS PLEASED! NOW FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IN MY HAMMOCK... HUH...
ATTENTION, FOLKS! HERE'S A BULLETIN FROM THE METROPOLIS ZOO CONCERNING THE OSTRICH TAKEN THIS MORNING!


THE OSTRICH'S PRESENT OWNER MAY NOT KNOW THAT THIS SPECIES OF OSTRICH EASILY CATCHES DEATHLY COLDS! THUS, IF THE BIRD SLEEPS OUTDOORS AT NIGHT, MAKE SURE HE IS KEPT WARM!
GULP!! I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHY LOIS IS STARING AT ME!


PRESENTLY, AT BEDTIME..
HOW SWEET OF YOU TO GIVE UP YOUR NICE, WARM HAMMOCK FOR MY PET! I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T SLEEP A WINK IF YOU THOUGHT MY BIRD WOULD CATCH PNEUMONIA!
WHY...UH...THY WISH IS MY COMMAND, DEAR! I CAN ALWAYS SLEEP IN A TREE!

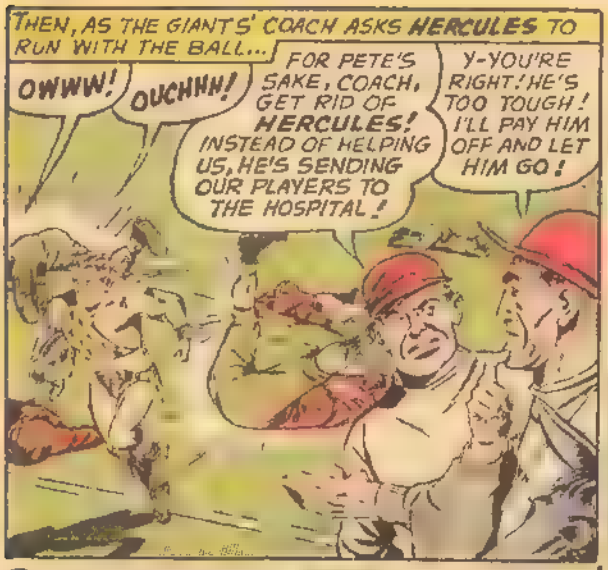

AND SO...
LISTEN TO THAT BIRD SNORE, WHILE... BRRR... I MUST SHIVER THE NIGHT AWAY! THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR DOING LOIS A FAVOR! I'M LEFT OUT IN THE COLD TO CATCH PNEUMONIA!
ZZZZZZ!

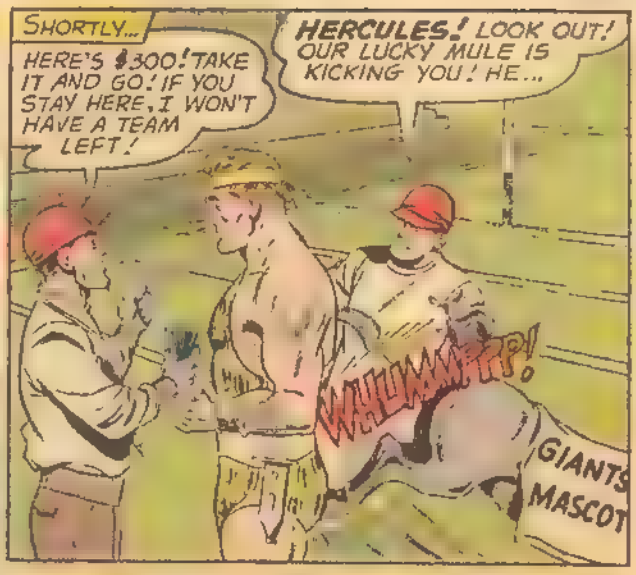

THE NEXT DAY, THE CLIMATE CHANGES, BUT NOT LOIS' TREATMENT OF HER FUTURE MATE...
IT'S SO NICE OF YOU TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME! I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR CARRYING MY FEW PARCELS!
FEW PARCELS?...GASP!! SHE PRACTICALLY BOUGHT OUT THE STORE

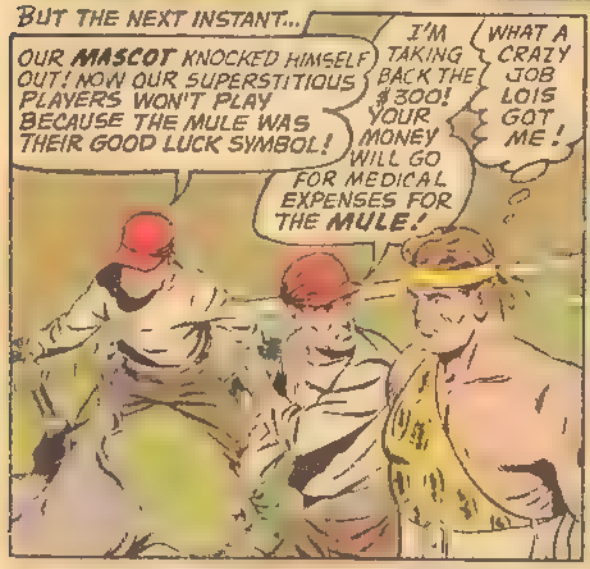

MEANWHILE, AS SAMSON ALSO PLAYS THE PERFECT HUSBAND TO-BE...
THANKS, DARLING, FOR BUYING ME THIS NEW CAR AND LETTING ME DRIVE IT RIGHT OUT OF THE SHOW-ROOM!
LOOK OUT, LANA! THOU ART CRASHING THIS CHARIOT!
METROPOLIS NATIONAL BANK
CRASH!!

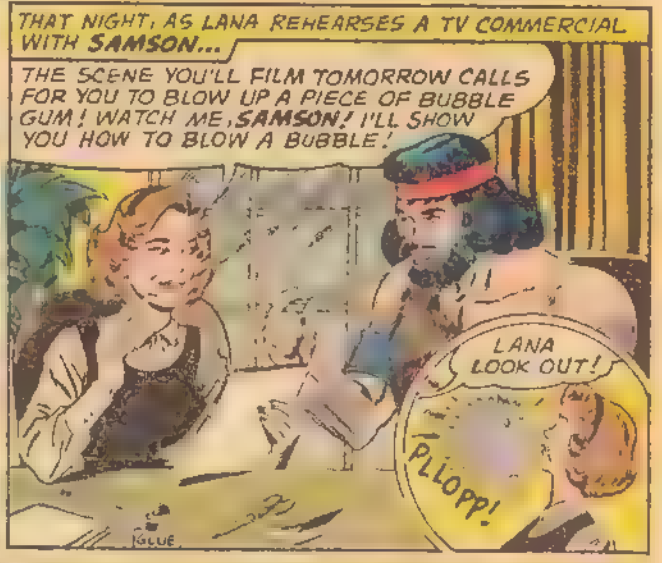
SOON AFTER...
I'M SO SORRY, SAMSON, FOR SMASHING UP OUR CAR BEFORE WE TOOK OUT INSURANCE ON IT! BUT WE'LL BUY ANOTHER ONE TOMORROW!
OF COURSE, DEAR! WHAT'S MONEY FOR, EXCEPT FOR MY PRECIOUS LANA TO SPEND?
AND SPEND... AND SPEND ...AND SPEND!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS SAMSON AND HERCULES HOLD A MEETING WITH THEIR SWEETHEARTS...
GIRLS, WE HAVE BAD NEWS FOR THEE! WE'RE BROKE! THOU HAST SPENT ALL OUR ADVANCE MONEY FROM THE MOVIE AND TV PRODUCERS ON CLOTHES, FURNITURE AND CARS!
SO WHAT? YOU'LL GO OUT AND EARN MORE MONEY! LOIS WILL FIND WORK FOR HERCULES AND I'LL GET YOU A JOB WITH A WRECKING COMPANY!
24 HOURS LATER, AS SAMSON REPORTS FOR WORK...
SO MY TASK IS TO DEMOLISH TH S OLD COURTHOUSE TO MAKE ROOM FOR A SKYSCRAPER, EH? WELL, DISMISS THY CREW! I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN PULLING DOWN BUILDINGS! JUST GET ME TWO CHAINS!
YOU HEARD SAMSON! GET HIM THE CHAINS!
SHORTLY, AS THE CHAINS ARE TIED AROUND THE CENTRAL PILLARS...
AS I PULL HARD ON THE CHAINS, WATCH THE WHOLE COURTHOUSE COLLAPSE!
THEN I'LL COLLECT MY SALARY, WHICH I SURELY NEED TO PAY THE MANY BILLS LANA HAS RUN UP!
GASP! THEM PILLARS... THEY SLIPPED OUT OF THE CHAINS! THEY'RE FLYIN' THROUGH THE AIR LIKE MISSILES! HEAVEN HELP ANYTHING IT HITS!
WHIZZZZZZ!
WHOOOSHHH!
CRRASH!!

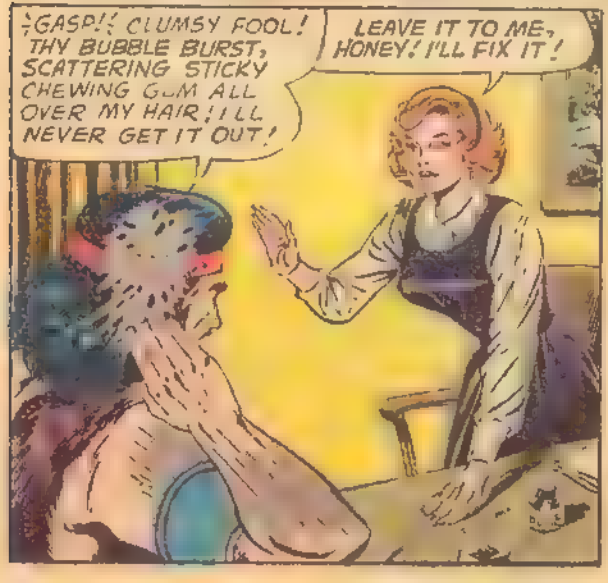
AT THE DAILY PLANET, AS EDITOR PERRY WHITE APPROACHES CLARK KENT'S DESK WITH AN ASSIGNMENT
MIGOSH, CLARK! HIT THE FLOOR! SOME HUGE THING IS COMING AT US WITH BULLET SPEED!
GASP! IT'S A PILLAR FROM A BUILDING! PERRY WILL BE KILLED IF I DON'T STOP IT!
AS CLARK DROPS TO THE FLOOR, NEAR THE
FWWAMM!
NOBODY CAN SEE ME STICK MY HAND AT SUPER-SPEED OVER THE WINDOWSILL! AS THE PILLAR HITS MY PALM, IT'LL DISINTEGRATE INTO GRANITE DUST!
NOW, CONCEALED BY THE DENSE DUST I'LL SWITCH TO SUPERMAN! I MUST DESTROY A SECOND PILLAR I JUST SPOTTED, BEFORE IT HITS ANOTHER BUILDING!
MOMENTS AFTER
I'LL SMASH IT TO BITS! THEN PLOP! I'LL ALSO CREDIT SUPERMAN WITH STOPPING THE OTHER PILLAR AND NOT SUSPECT CLARK KENT, WHO CAN SAY LATER THAT DURING THE CONFUSION HE CRAWLED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OFFICE.
THANK GOODNESS FOR SUPERMAN! HE PREVENTED A TRAGEDY!
NOW YOU BEAT IT! I WOULDN'T LET YOU HANDLE ANOTHER JOB FOR A MILLION BUCKS! YOUR STRENGTH IS NO HELP! YOU NEARLY CAUSED A DISASTER
HMM... MY REPUTATION IS RUINED! IT'S LANA'S FAULT FOR MAKING ME TAKE THIS JOB!
AT THE SAME TIME, AT THE METROPOLIS "GIANTS" PRO FOOTBALL TEAM ARENA
WITH HERCULES TO TRAIN OUR TEAM AND OUR MULE MASCOT TO BRING US GOOD LUCK, WE CAN'T LOSE THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NEXT SUNDAY!
LOIS USED HER CONNECTIONS TO GET ME THIS JOB AS TRAINER SO I COULD EARN SOME BADLY NEEDED MONEY! BUT IT'S VERY BORING TO ACT LIKE A TACKLING DUMMY!

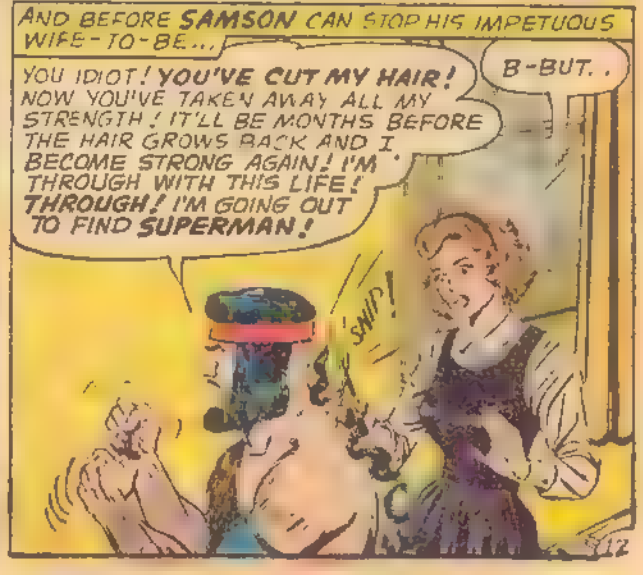

THEN, AS THE GIANTS' COACH ASKS HERCULES TO RUN WITH THE BALL...
OWWW!
OUCHHH!
FOR PETE'S SAKE, COACH, GET RID OF HERCULES! INSTEAD OF HELPING US, HE'S SENDING OUR PLAYERS TO THE HOSPITAL!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT! HE'S TOO TOUGH! I'LL PAY HIM OFF AND LET HIM GO!

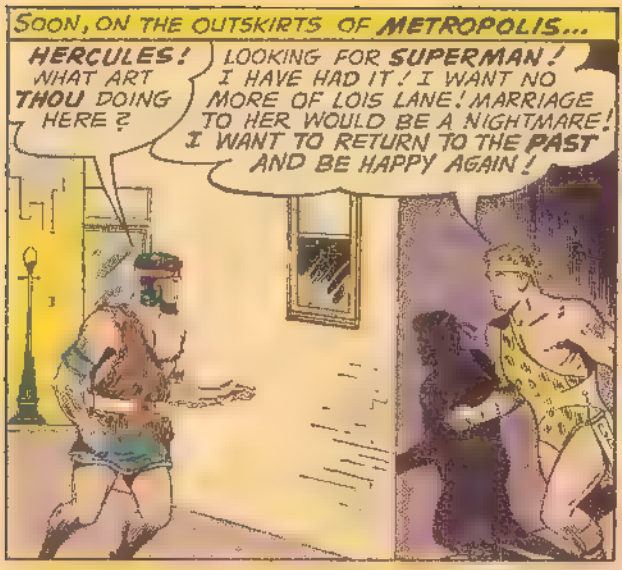

SHORTLY...
HERE'S $300! TAKE IT AND GO! IF YOU STAY HERE, I WON'T HAVE A TEAM LEFT!
HERCULES! LOOK OUT! OUR LUCKY MULE IS KICKING YOU! HE...
WHUMMP!
GIANTS MASCOT

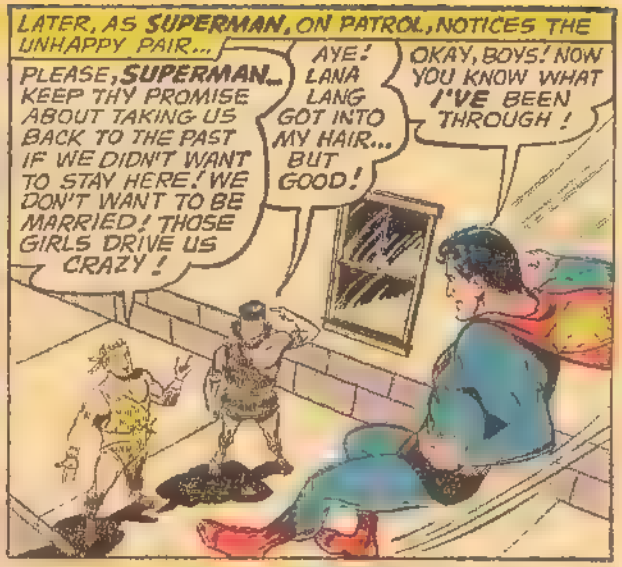

BUT THE NEXT INSTANT...
OUR MASCOT KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT! NOW OUR SUPERSTITIOUS PLAYERS WON'T PLAY BECAUSE THE MULE WAS THEIR GOOD LUCK SYMBOL!
I'M TAKING BACK THE $300! YOUR MONEY WILL GO FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR THE MULE!
WHAT A CRAZY JOB LOIS GOT ME!

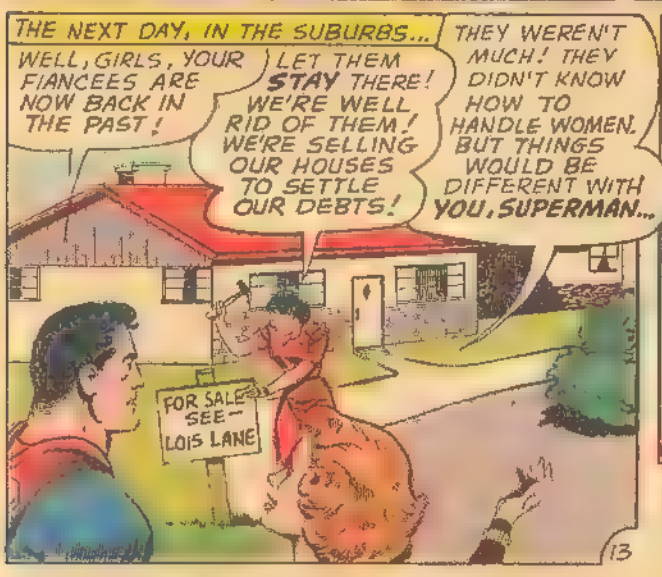

THAT NIGHT, AS LANA REHEARSES A TV COMMERCIAL WITH SAMSON...
THE SCENE YOU'LL FILM TOMORROW CALLS FOR YOU TO BLOW UP A PIECE OF BUBBLE GUM! WATCH ME, SAMSON! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO BLOW A BUBBLE!
LANA LOOK OUT!
PLLOPP!
GLUE

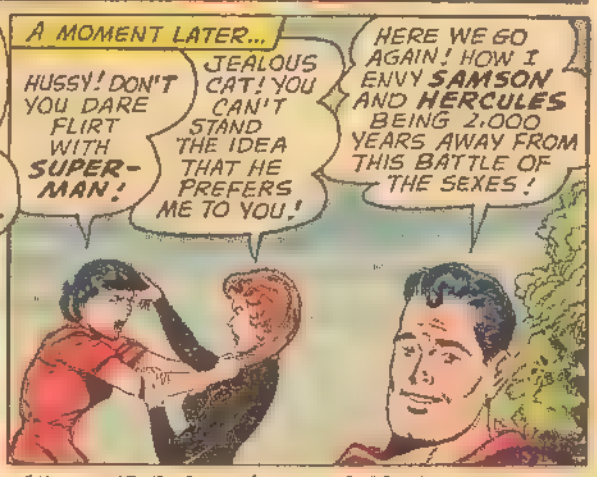

GASP!! CLUMSY FOOL! THY BUBBLE BURST, SCATTERING STICKY CHEWING GUM ALL OVER MY HAIR! I'LL NEVER GET IT OUT!
LEAVE IT TO ME, HONEY! I'LL FIX IT!


AND BEFORE SAMSON CAN STOP HIS IMPETUOUS WIFE-TO-BE...
YOU IDIOT! YOU'VE CUT MY HAIR! NOW YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY ALL MY STRENGTH! IT'LL BE MONTHS BEFORE THE HAIR GROWS BACK AND I BECOME STRONG AGAIN! I'M THROUGH WITH THIS LIFE! THROUGH! I'M GOING OUT TO FIND SUPERMAN!
B-BUT..
SNIP!









CHEER UP, READER! THINGS AREN'T REALLY SO BAD FOR SUPERMAN! FOR, IN CASE YOU FORGOT, THIS WAS ONLY AN IMAGINARY TALE!

THE END

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Dear Editor: I'm a Perry White fan and it seems that Perry is slowly fading from the SUPERMAN magazines. I think he's a great character, so tell your writers to get on the ball and give us some stories featuring our cigar-smoking friend as editor of the DAILY PLANET.

Joe Sanson, Clifton, N. J.

(Great Caesar's Ghost, but it looks as if you don't do your DC homework, chum. Last month's issue of ACTION COMICS featured "The Super Powers of Perry White." And you'll find a Bizarro-Perry White on the cover of the September issue of ADVENTURE COMICS. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: How come when Clark Kent uses his super vision people near him don't see the yellow light coming from his eyes?

Harvey Horowitz, New York, N. Y.

(The beams which are shown emanating from Superman's eyes are symbolic. Actually, like all infra-red and x-ray frequencies, they are invisible. The same sort of license is used in children's fairy tale books, wherein goblins are shown puffing wind, and the wind is illustrated as a cloud, whereas it, too, is invisible. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I certainly enjoyed the recent story, "Supergirl's Three Super Girl-Friends." I thought the way you presented BRAINIAC 5, the great, great, great, great grandson of BRAINIAC, Superman's arch enemy, was terrific! Will we ever see him again?

Linda Norelli, Livingston, N. J.

(Yes. We are planning an all-villain issue for a future issue of SUPERMAN COMICS, which will include a story telling the origin of BRAINIAC and also deal again with his various descendants. In the meanwhile, we urge you to see the next issue of ACTION COMICS, in which BRAINIAC shrinks Superman, Perry, Lois and Jimmy Olsen, and imprisons them inside one of his glass bottles! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: If Superman found a kryptonite antidote, what would he do with it? Would he drink it, or would he pour it over his body? I'm eager to find out.

Daniel DiMarino, Baltimore, Md.

(He'd probably inject it into his bloodstream. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have seen many references in your magazines to "The Anti-Superman Gang." Just what is this gang?

J. W. Santamo, Hartford, Conn.

(This is a criminal organization composed of outlaws who have dedicated their lives to bringing about Superman's downfall. Natch, this sinister club was founded by the villainous Lex Luthor, who, at last report, is still active as its VICE-president. Get it? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Since SUPERMAN gets his superpowers because of the lesser gravity of Earth, as compared to the heavy gravity of Krypton, when he takes someone out in space, where there is no gravity, why don't the persons he takes have superpowers?

John Haverty, Drexl Hill, Pa.

(Superman acquired his super-powers from the ultra solar rays of Earth's YELLOW sun which super-energized his body. Krypton's sun was RED. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I recently read in ACTION COMICS that you might change Linda Lee's hair style. My friends and I think that would be a crime as she just wouldn't look like Linda without her braids. As a matter of fact, I know girls who are teenagers who wear braids and they look beautiful wearing them. So please don't change Linda's hair style until she gets much older.

Beverly Rickert, Dickson, Pa.

(In deference to the thousands of fans who wrote us requesting that Linda abandon her pigtails, please keep an open mind about this until you see her new hair-do in this issue and other hair-dos she will experiment with in future stories.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the recent story, "The War Between Supergirl and the Superman Emergency squad," on Page 13 you showed the Superman Squad smashing a telephone pole against Supergirl. Then, on the next page, you showed the Superman Squad putting the same pole back in the ground. But if the pole had been smashed, how could it have been restored to its original, unbroken state? I'd call that a phony stunt.

Roland Hartzog, Palestine, Texas.

(Right. It was a tele-phony stunt.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Ernest Fischer sent you a letter recently stating the fact that Clark Kent only wears BLUE suits. You replied that it is because of the chemical Clark uses on his suits (to make them friction-proof) that make them look blue. However, I have an old copy of a Superman magazine before me, and in it you show Clark wearing a GREEN suit. How come?

Richard Close, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

(It was St. Patrick's day.—Ed.)

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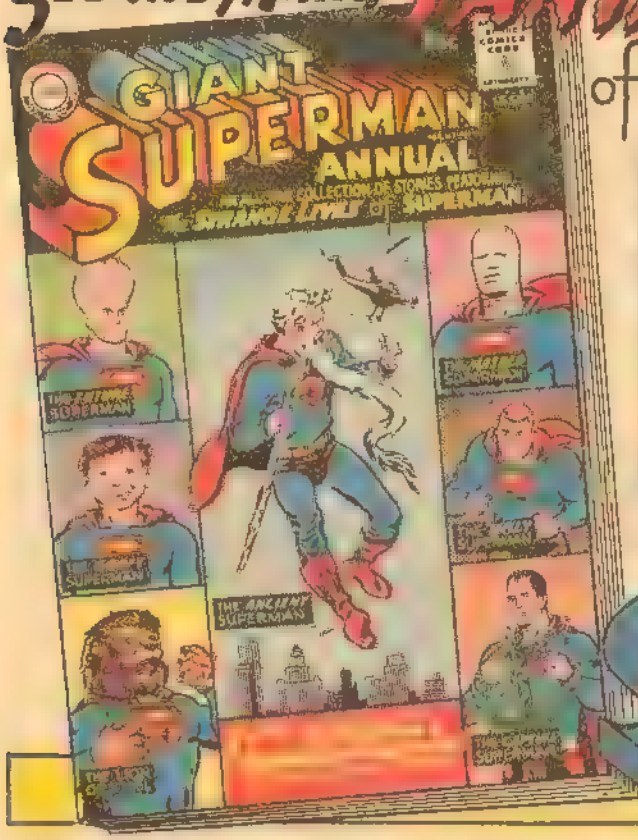

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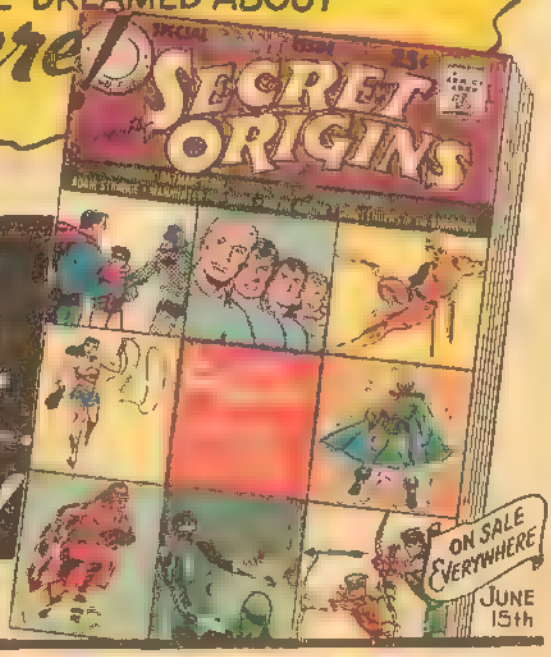

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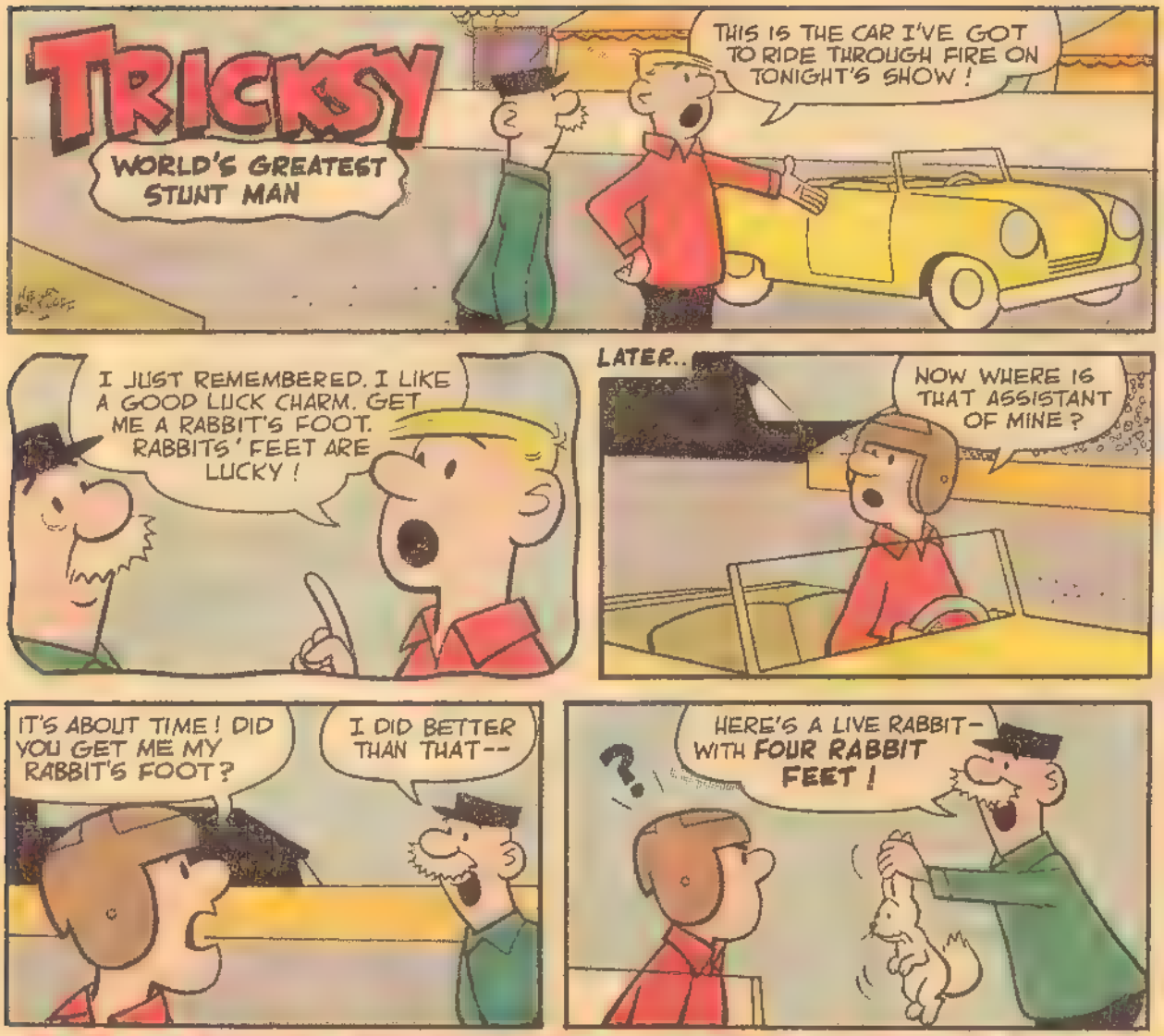
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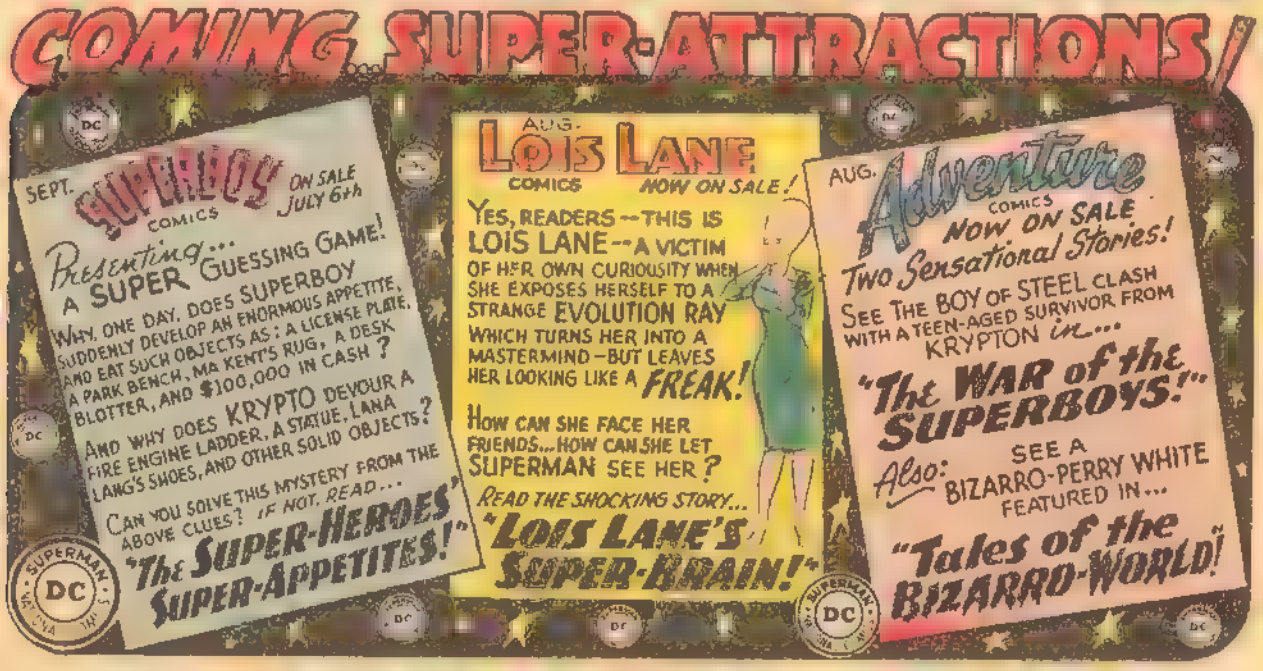
WORLD'S GREATEST STUNT MAN
THIS IS THE CAR I'VE GOT TO RIDE THROUGH FIRE ON TONIGHT'S SHOW!
I JUST REMEMBERED. I LIKE A GOOD LUCK CHARM. GET ME A RABBIT'S FOOT. RABBITS' FEET ARE LUCKY!
LATER..
NOW WHERE IS THAT ASSISTANT OF MINE?
IT'S ABOUT TIME! DID YOU GET ME MY RABBIT'S FOOT?
I DID BETTER THAN THAT--
HERE'S A LIVE RABBIT— WITH FOUR RABBIT FEET!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WHY, ONE DAY, DOES SUPERBOY SUDDENLY DEVELOP AN ENORMOUS APPETITE, AND EAT SUCH OBJECTS AS: A LICENSE PLATE, A PARK BENCH, MA KENT'S RUG, A DESK BLOTTER, AND $100,000 IN CASH?
AND WHY DOES KRYPTO DEVOUR A FIRE ENGINE LADDER, A STATUE, LANA LANG'S SHOES, AND OTHER SOLID OBJECTS?
CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MYSTERY FROM THE ABOVE CLUES? IF NOT, READ...
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YES, READERS--THIS IS LOIS LANE--A VICTIM OF HER OWN CURIOUSITY WHEN SHE EXPOSES HERSELF TO A STRANGE EVOLUTION RAY WHICH TURNS HER INTO A MASTERMIND--BUT LEAVES HER LOOKING LIKE A FREAK!
HOW CAN SHE FACE HER FRIENDS...HOW CAN SHE LET SUPERMAN SEE HER?
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TWEET

LOOK AT THOSE KIDS PLAYING BASEBALL. MAKES ME FEEL YOUNG!

MISTER CASEY, ARE YOU GOING TO STAND THERE LONG?

I'LL SAY! I'M ON TRAFFIC DUTY. I'VE GOT TO STAND IN THIS SPOT. WHY DO YOU ASK?

WE'D LIKE TO USE YOU FOR SECOND BASE!

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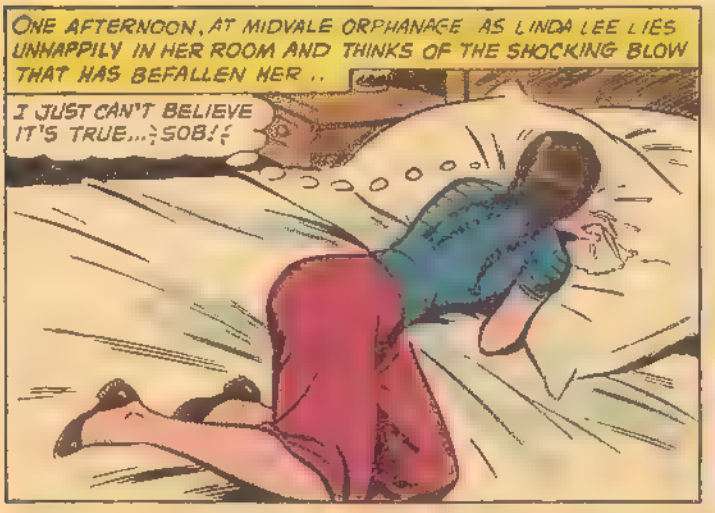
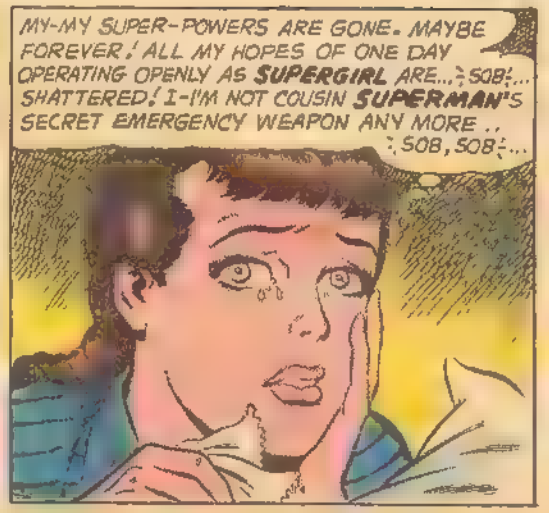
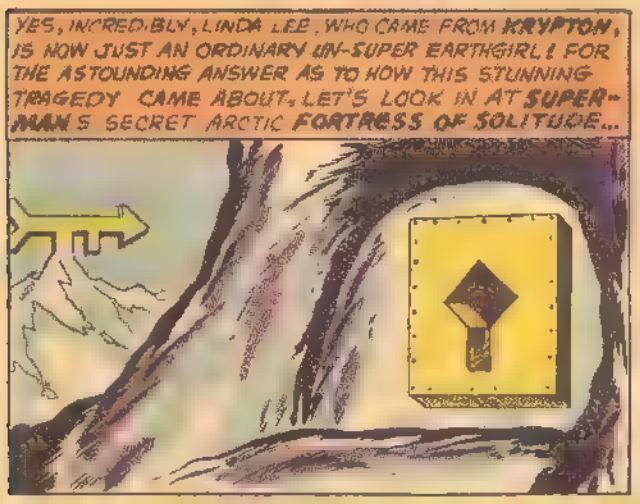
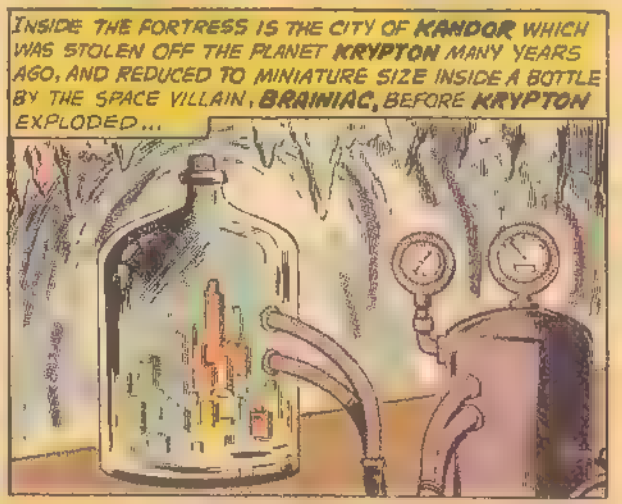
LAST ISSUE, YOU'LL RECALL, JUST WHEN SUPERMAN WAS FINALLY GOING TO REVEAL LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE'S EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD, SUDDENLY, LIKE A TERRIBLE BOLT FROM THE BLUE, SUPERGIRL LOST HER SUPER-POWERS! AND SO THE MAN OF STEEL CALLED OFF THE ANNOUNCEMENT! UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT, WASN'T IT?... ACCIDENT?... DEFINITELY NOT! IT WAS ANYTHING BUT THAT!--BEHIND THIS APPARENT BLOW OF FATE WAS THE SINISTER, SCHEMING BRAIN OF...

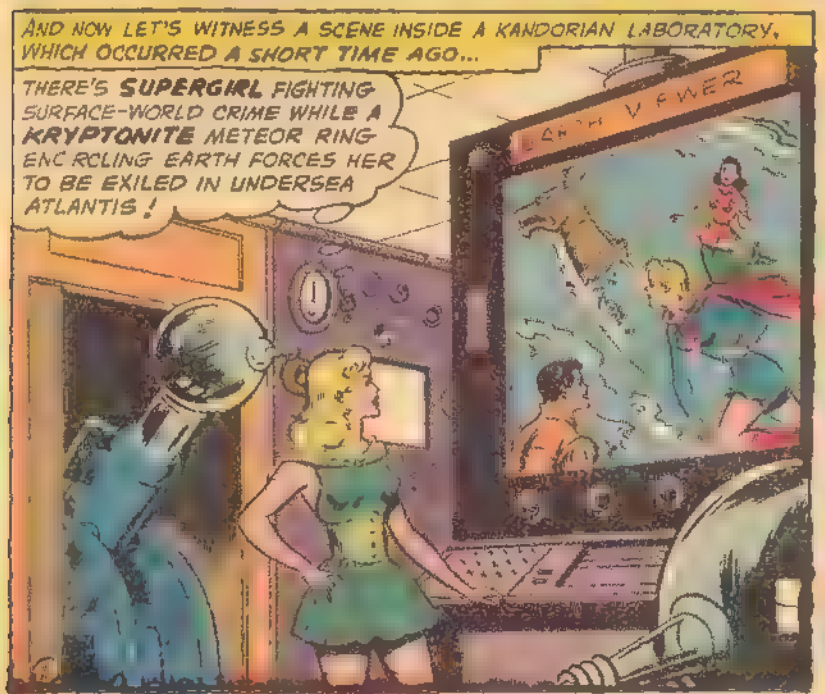
SUPERGIRL'S SECRET ENEMY!


ONE AFTERNOON, AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE AS LINDA LEE LIES UNHAPPILY IN HER ROOM AND THINKS OF THE SHOCKING BLOW THAT HAS BEFALLEN HER ..
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S TRUE...SOB!

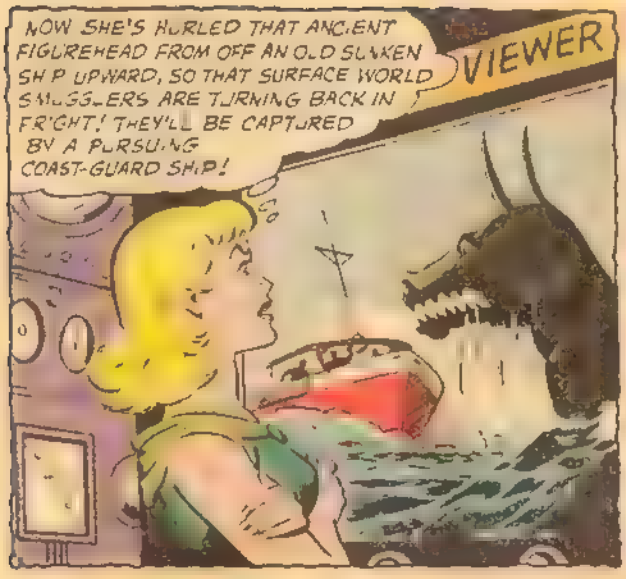

MY-MY SUPER-POWERS ARE GONE. MAYBE FOREVER! ALL MY HOPES OF ONE DAY OPERATING OPENLY AS SUPERGIRL ARE...SOB!... SHATTERED! I-I'M NOT COUSIN SUPERMAN'S SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON ANY MORE .. SOB, SOB...


YES, INCREDIBLY, LINDA LEE, WHO CAME FROM KRYPTON, IS NOW JUST AN ORDINARY UN-SUPER EARTHGIRL! FOR THE ASTOUNDING ANSWER AS TO HOW THIS STUNNING TRAGEDY CAME ABOUT, LET'S LOOK IN AT SUPERMAN'S SECRET ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...


INSIDE THE FORTRESS IS THE CITY OF KANDOR WHICH WAS STOLEN OFF THE PLANET KRYPTON MANY YEARS AGO, AND REDUCED TO MINIATURE SIZE INSIDE A BOTTLE BY THE SPACE VILLAIN, BRAINIAC, BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED...


AND NOW LET'S WITNESS A SCENE INSIDE A KANDORIAN LABORATORY, WHICH OCCURRED A SHORT TIME AGO...
THERE'S SUPERGIRL FIGHTING SURFACE-WORLD CRIME WHILE A KRYPTONITE METEOR RING ENCROLING EARTH FORCES HER TO BE EXILED IN UNDERSEA ATLANTIS!
EARTH VIEWER

I ENVY AND HATE HER! THE HONORS THAT I, LESLA-LAR, HAVE EARNED IN KANDOR AS A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS ARE AS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE ACCLAIM THE PEOPLE OF EARTH WILL GIVE SUPERGIRL WHEN THEY LEARN OF HER EXISTENCE!


NOW SHE'S HURLED THAT ANCIENT FIGUREHEAD FROM OFF AN OLD SUNKEN SHIP UPWARD, SO THAT SURFACE WORLD SMUGGLERS ARE TURNING BACK IN FRIGHT! THEY'LL BE CAPTURED BY A PURSUING COAST-GUARD SHIP!
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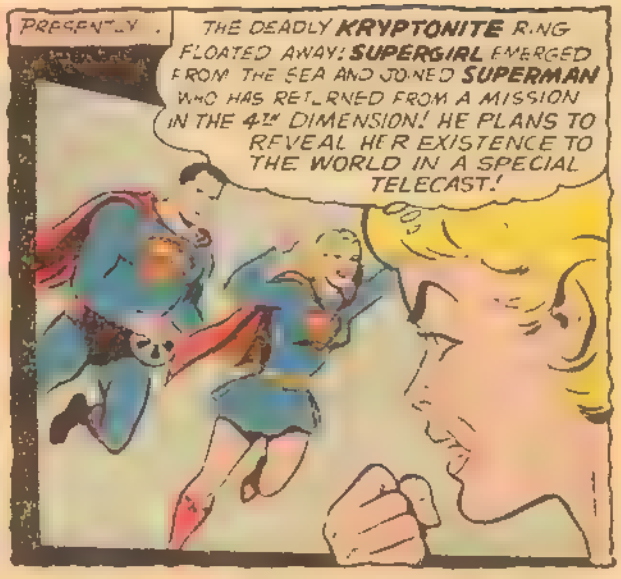
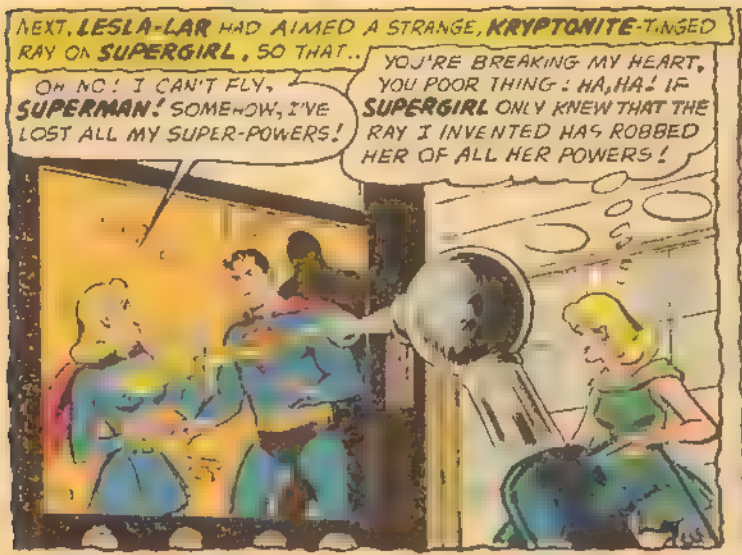
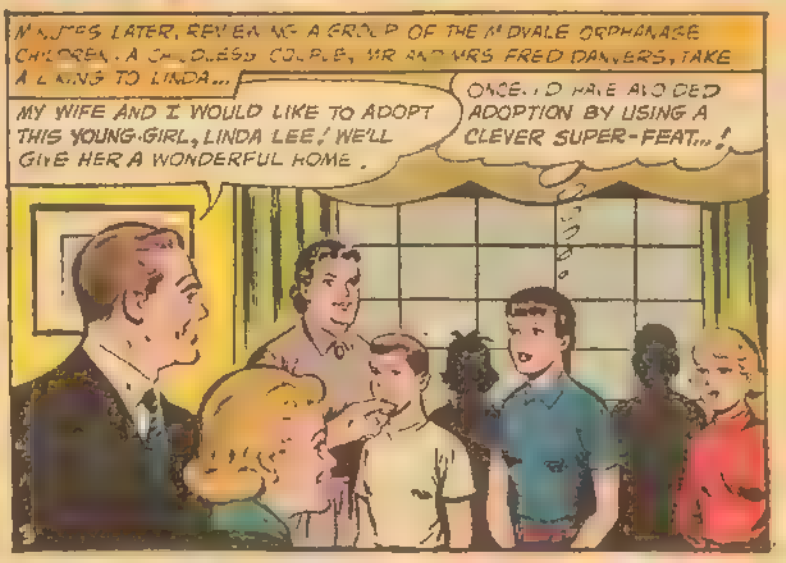
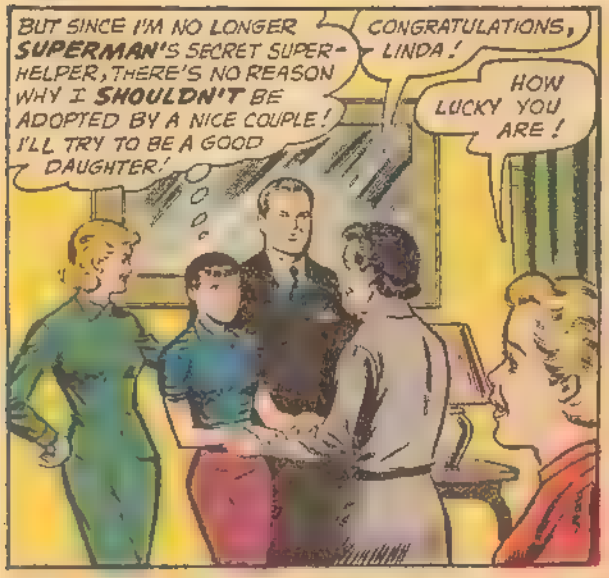

PRESENTLY . . .
THE DEADLY KRYPTONITE RING FLOATED AWAY! SUPERGIRL EMERGED FROM THE SEA AND JOINED SUPERMAN WHO HAS RETURNED FROM A MISSION IN THE 4TH DIMENSION! HE PLANS TO REVEAL HER EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD IN A SPECIAL TELECAST!


NEXT, LESLA-LAR HAD AIMED A STRANGE, KRYPTONITE-TINGED RAY ON SUPERGIRL, SO THAT..
OH NO! I CAN'T FLY, SUPERMAN! SOMEHOW, I'VE LOST ALL MY SUPER-POWERS!
YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART, YOU POOR THING! HA, HA! IF SUPERGIRL ONLY KNEW THAT THE RAY I INVENTED HAS ROBBED HER OF ALL HER POWERS!

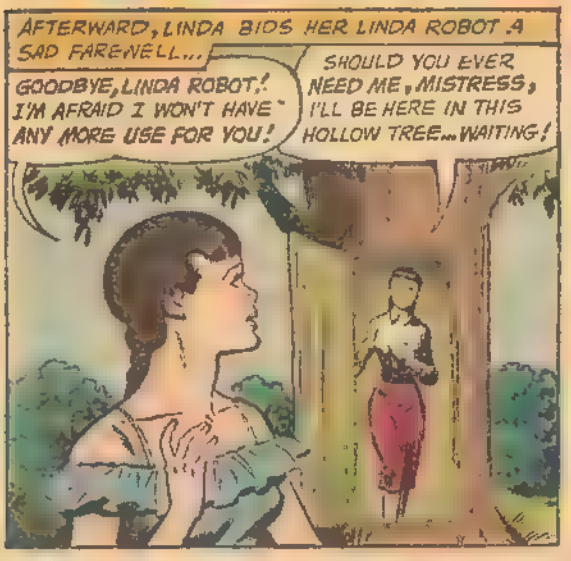
BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! I'VE EVEN MORE UNPLEASANT SURPRISES UP MY SLEEVE FOR SUPERGIRL! BUT THEY'LL COME LATER, HA, HA, HA...!

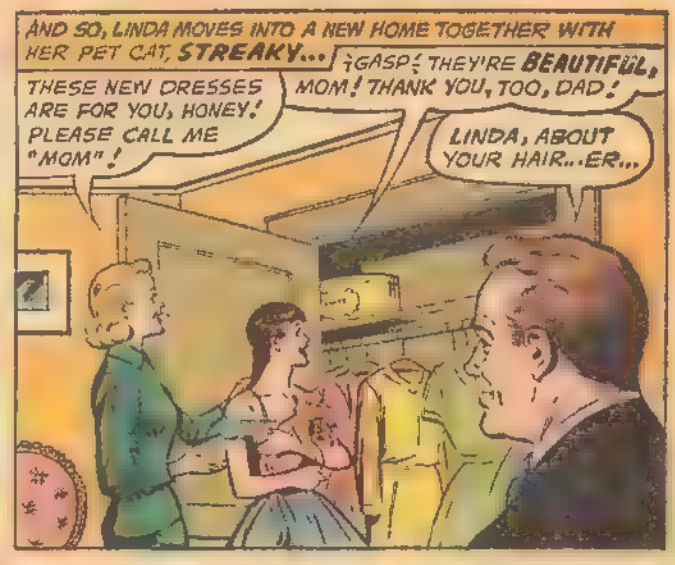
AND NOW, OUR STORY RETURNS TO THE PRESENT, AS LINDA BRUSHES AWAY HER TEARS, AND...
I MUST FORGET YESTERDAY'S DREAMS...TOMORROW'S HOPES--AND LIVE FOR--;CHOKE; TODAY!

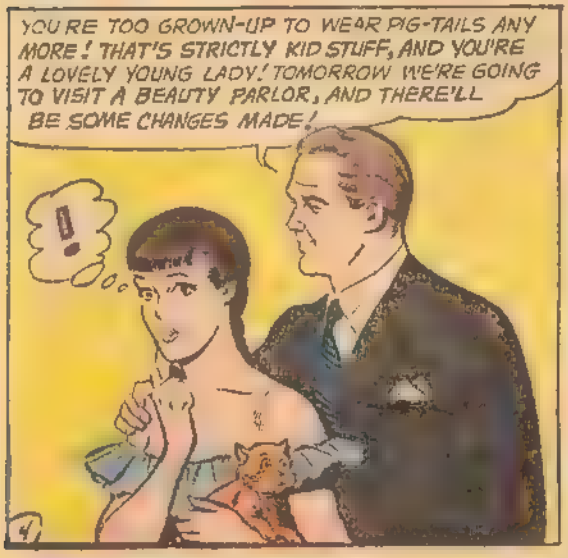

MONTHS LATER, REVEALING A GROUP OF THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE CHILDREN. A CHILDLESS COUPLE, MR AND MRS FRED DANVERS, TAKE A LIKING TO LINDA...
MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THIS YOUNG GIRL, LINDA LEE! WE'LL GIVE HER A WONDERFUL HOME.
ONCE I'D HAVE AVOIDED ADOPTION BY USING A CLEVER SUPER-FEAT...!


BUT SINCE I'M NO LONGER SUPERMAN'S SECRET SUPER-HELPER, THERE'S NO REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T BE ADOPTED BY A NICE COUPLE! I'LL TRY TO BE A GOOD DAUGHTER!
CONGRATULATIONS, LINDA!
HOW LUCKY YOU ARE!

HER ORPHAN FRIENDS GIVE LINDA A GOING-AWAY PARTY...
PLEASE COME AND SEE US OFTEN!
I WILL! I'LL NEVER, NEVER FORGET EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU! I LOVE YOU ALL!
WE'LL MISS YOU!


AFTERWARD, LINDA BIDS HER LINDA ROBOT A SAD FARE-WELL...
GOODBYE, LINDA ROBOT! I'M AFRAID I WON'T HAVE ANY MORE USE FOR YOU!
SHOULD YOU EVER NEED ME, MISTRESS, I'LL BE HERE IN THIS HOLLOW TREE...WAITING!


AND SO, LINDA MOVES INTO A NEW HOME TOGETHER WITH HER PET CAT, STREAKY...
THESE NEW DRESSES ARE FOR YOU, HONEY! PLEASE CALL ME "MOM"!
¡GASP! THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL, MOM! THANK YOU, TOO, DAD!
LINDA, ABOUT YOUR HAIR...ER...


YOU'RE TOO GROWN-UP TO WEAR PIG-TAILS ANY MORE! THAT'S STRICTLY KID STUFF, AND YOU'RE A LOVELY YOUNG LADY! TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO VISIT A BEAUTY PARLOR, AND THERE'LL BE SOME CHANGES MADE!
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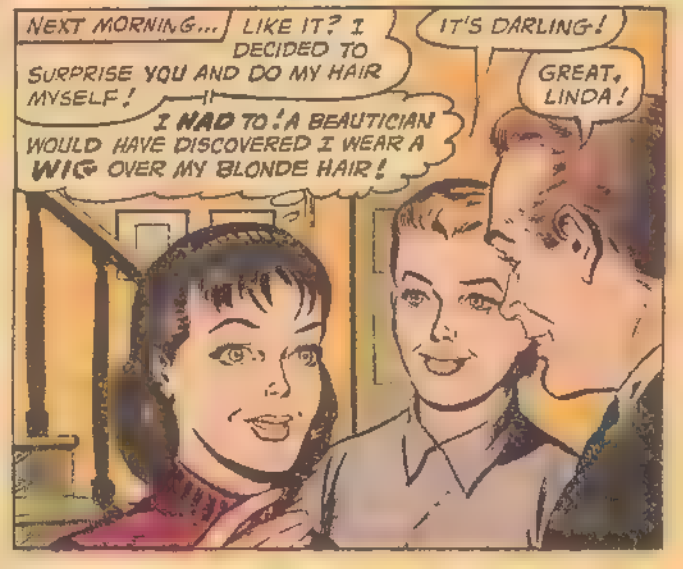
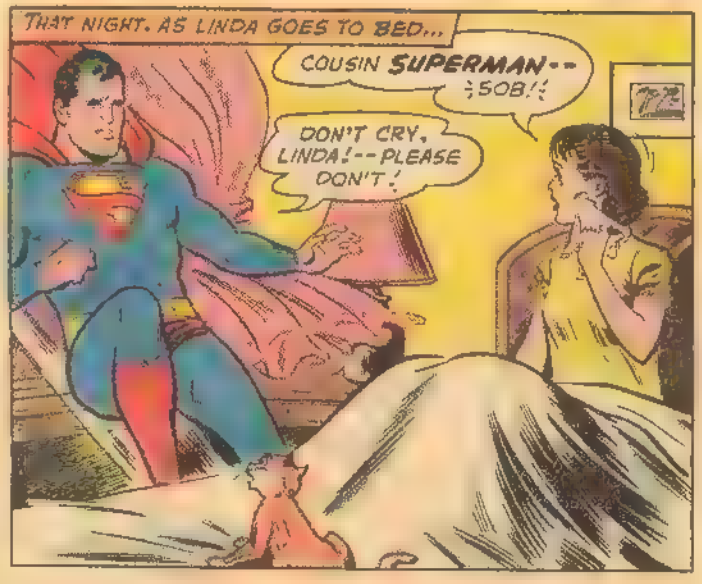
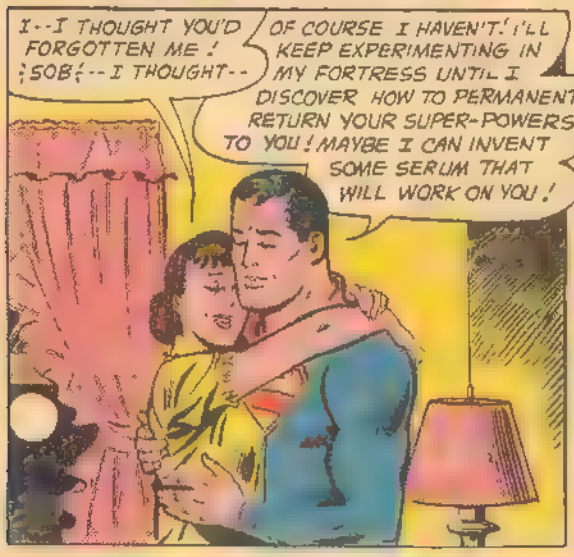
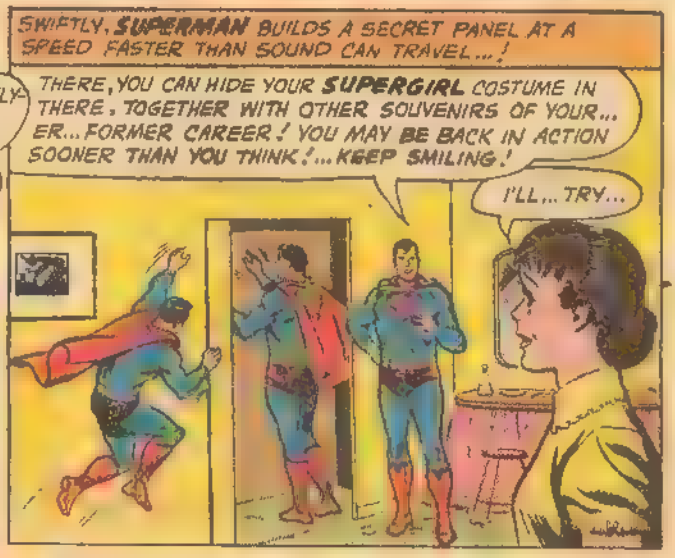
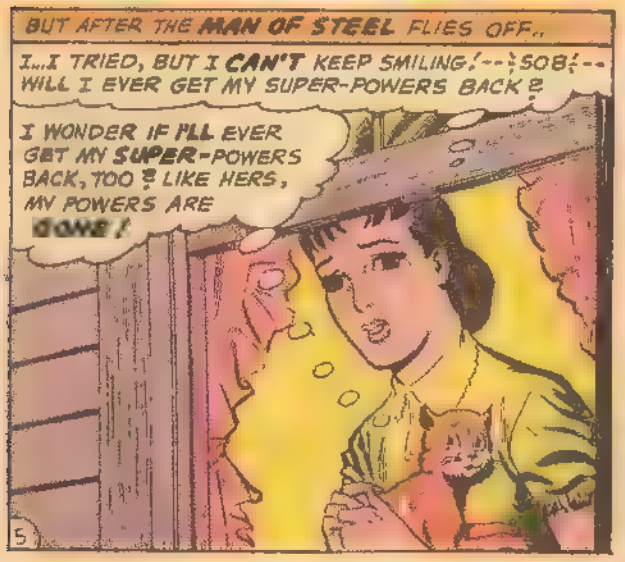

NEXT MORNING...
LIKE IT? I DECIDED TO SURPRISE YOU AND DO MY HAIR MYSELF!
I HAD TO! A BEAUTICIAN WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED I WEAR A WIG OVER MY BLONDE HAIR!
IT'S DARLING!
GREAT, LINDA!

IN FACT, YOU LOOK SUPER!
STRANGE! SHE WINCED WHEN I SAID THAT! I SUSPECT SHE HAS SOME SORT OF SECRET SORROW! MAYBE SHE'LL TELL US ALL ABOUT IT, SOMEDAY!
;CHOKE!--I'M NOT SUPER--ANY MORE! ;CHOKE!


THAT NIGHT, AS LINDA GOES TO BED...
COUSIN SUPERMAN-- ;SOB!;
DON'T CRY, LINDA!--PLEASE DON'T!


I--I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN ME! ;SOB;--I THOUGHT--
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T! I'LL KEEP EXPERIMENTING IN MY FORTRESS UNTIL I DISCOVER HOW TO PERMANENTLY RETURN YOUR SUPER-POWERS TO YOU! MAYBE I CAN INVENT SOME SERUM THAT WILL WORK ON YOU!


SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN BUILDS A SECRET PANEL AT A SPEED FASTER THAN SOUND CAN TRAVEL...!
THERE, YOU CAN HIDE YOUR SUPERGIRL COSTUME IN THERE, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SOUVENIRS OF YOUR... ER...FORMER CAREER! YOU MAY BE BACK IN ACTION SOONER THAN YOU THINK!...KEEP SMILING!
I'LL...TRY...


BUT AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL FLIES OFF..
I...I TRIED, BUT I CAN'T KEEP SMILING!--;SOB;--WILL I EVER GET MY SUPER-POWERS BACK?
I WONDER IF I'LL EVER GET MY SUPER-POWERS BACK, TOO? LIKE HERS, MY POWERS ARE done!
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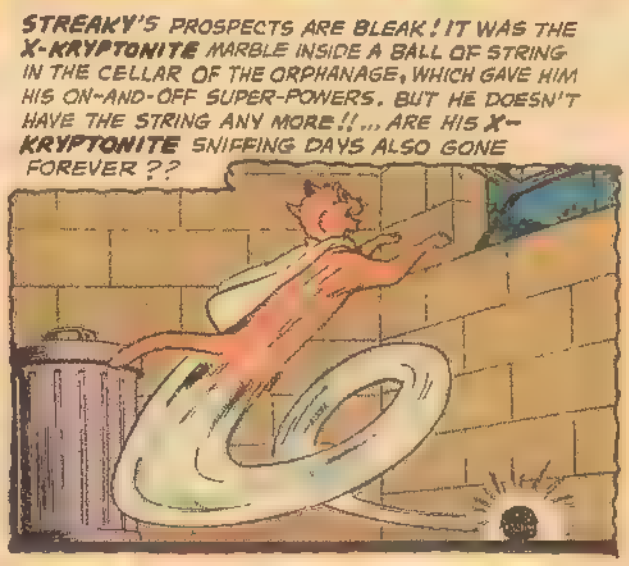
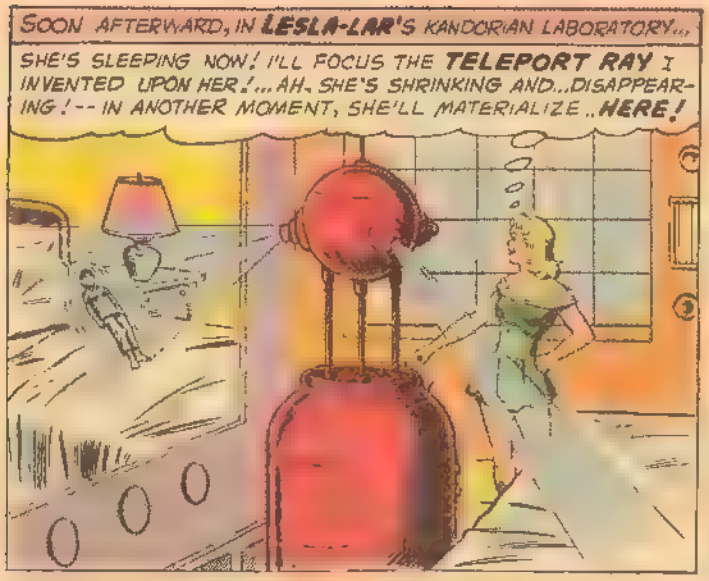
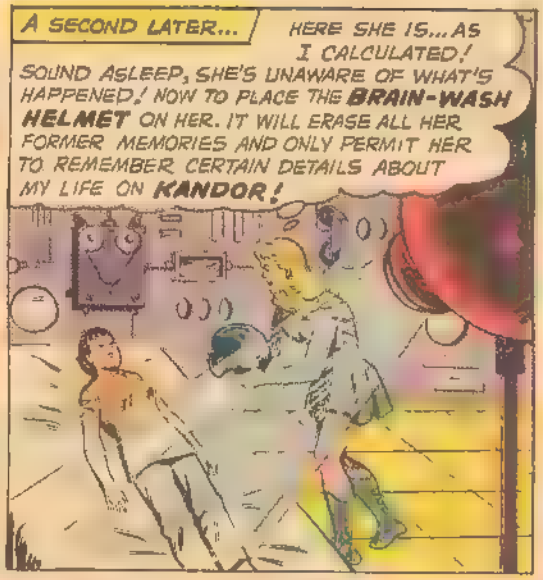
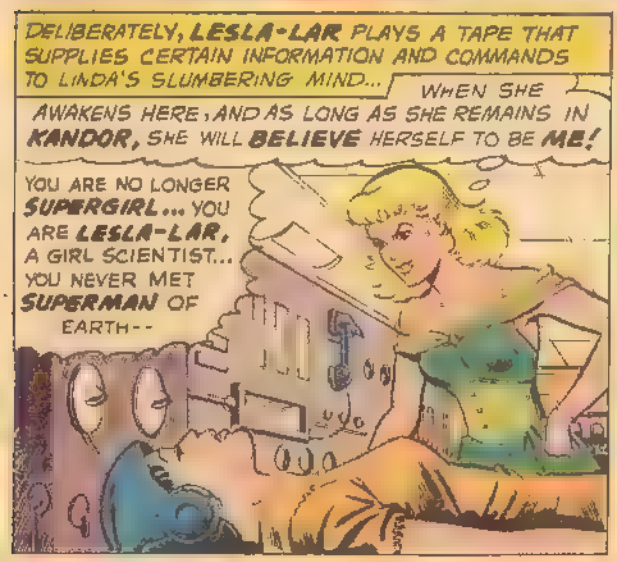
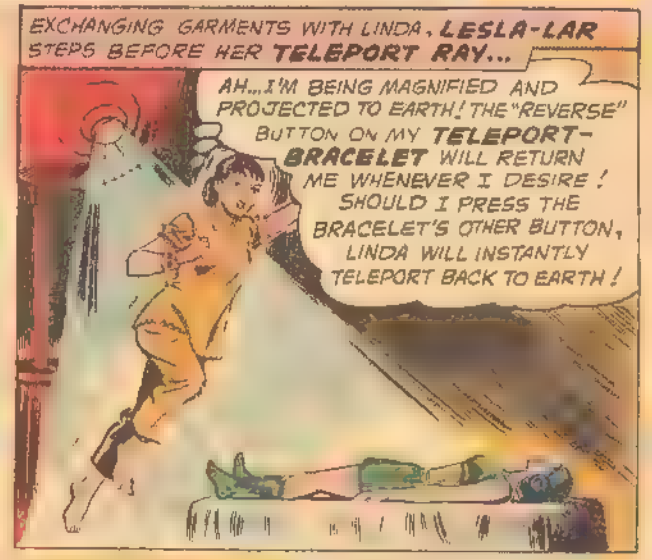
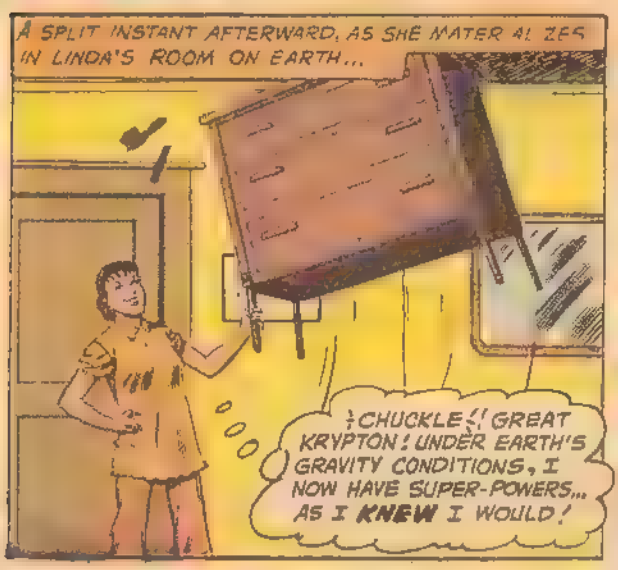

STREAKY'S PROSPECTS ARE BLEAK! IT WAS THE X-KRYPTONITE MARBLE INSIDE A BALL OF STRING IN THE CELLAR OF THE ORPHANAGE, WHICH GAVE HIM HIS ON-AND-OFF SUPER-POWERS. BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE THE STRING ANY MORE!!...ARE HIS X-KRYPTONITE SNIFFING DAYS ALSO GONE FOREVER??

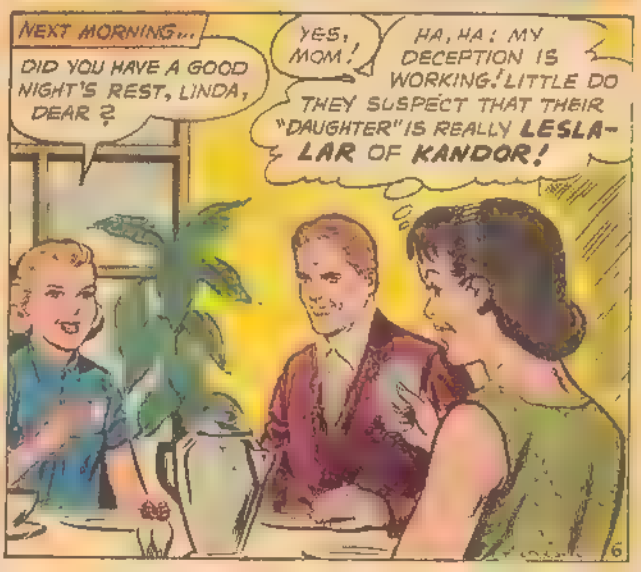

SOON AFTERWARD, IN LESLA-LAR'S KANDORIAN LABORATORY...
SHE'S SLEEPING NOW! I'LL FOCUS THE TELEPORT RAY I INVENTED UPON HER!...AH, SHE'S SHRINKING AND...DISAPPEARING!--IN ANOTHER MOMENT, SHE'LL MATERIALIZE..HERE!


A SECOND LATER...
HERE SHE IS...AS I CALCULATED!
SOUND ASLEEP, SHE'S UNAWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED! NOW TO PLACE THE BRAIN-WASH HELMET ON HER. IT WILL ERASE ALL HER FORMER MEMORIES AND ONLY PERMIT HER TO REMEMBER CERTAIN DETAILS ABOUT MY LIFE ON KANDOR!

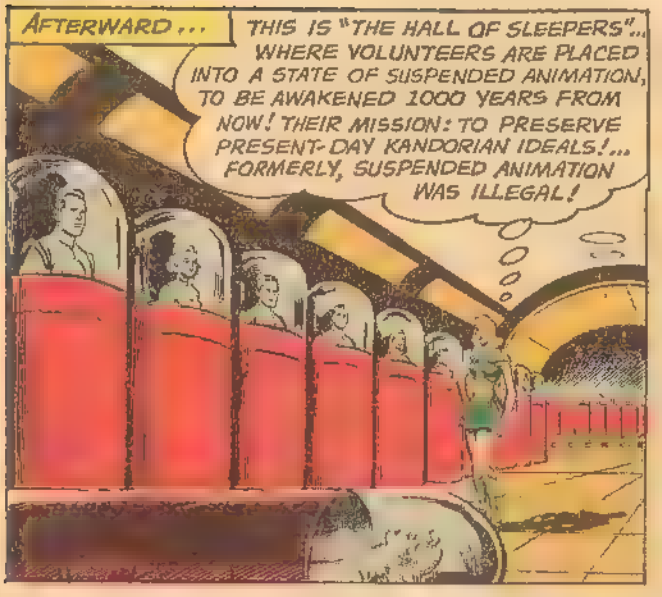

DELIBERATELY, LESLA-LAR PLAYS A TAPE THAT SUPPLIES CERTAIN INFORMATION AND COMMANDS TO LINDA'S SLUMBERING MIND...
WHEN SHE AWAKENS HERE, AND AS LONG AS SHE REMAINS IN KANDOR, SHE WILL BELIEVE HERSELF TO BE ME!
YOU ARE NO LONGER SUPERGIRL... YOU ARE LESLA-LAR, A GIRL SCIENTIST... YOU NEVER MET SUPERMAN OF EARTH--

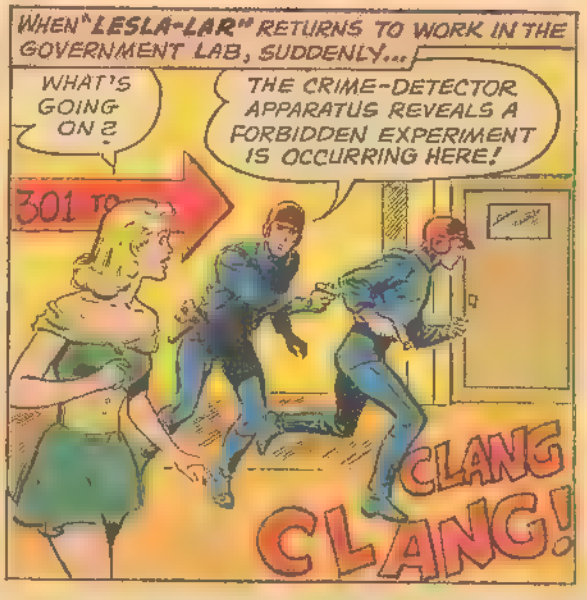

EXCHANGING GARMENTS WITH LINDA, LESLA-LAR STEPS BEFORE HER TELEPORT RAY...
AH...I'M BEING MAGNIFIED AND PROJECTED TO EARTH! THE "REVERSE" BUTTON ON MY TELEPORT-BRACELET WILL RETURN ME WHENEVER I DESIRE! SHOULD I PRESS THE BRACELET'S OTHER BUTTON, LINDA WILL INSTANTLY TELEPORT BACK TO EARTH!


A SPLIT INSTANT AFTERWARD, AS SHE MATERIALIZES IN LINDA'S ROOM ON EARTH...
CHUCKLE! GREAT KRYPTON! UNDER EARTH'S GRAVITY CONDITIONS, I NOW HAVE SUPER-POWERS... AS I KNEW I WOULD!


NEXT MORNING...
DID YOU HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S REST, LINDA, DEAR?
YES, MOM!
HA, HA! MY DECEPTION IS WORKING! LITTLE DO THEY SUSPECT THAT THEIR "DAUGHTER" IS REALLY LESLA-LAR OF KANDOR!

AWAKENING IN KANDOR, AND BELIEVING HERSELF TO BE LESLA-LAR, THE REAL LINDA REPORTS TO WORK AT A GOVERNMENT LAB...
THE CHEMICALLY MANUFACTURED TYRANO-SHARK CAPTURER IS COMPLETED!
SPLENDID, LESLA-LAR!
SHORTLY, THE BIZARRE CHEMICAL CREATION IS TESTED AT A KANDORIAN BEACH WHERE BATHERS ARE PLAGUED BY SHARKS...
A TYRANO-SHARK IS ATTACKING!
BUT HERE COMES THE "CAPTURER", GUIDED BY ITS SHARK-DETECTION RADAR!
THE "CAPTURER" HAS SHOCKED THE SHARK INTO INSENSIBILITY, WITH ITS ELECTRIFIED ANTENNAE! THE SHARK CAN NOW BE PLACED IN AN AQUARIUM!
MY CONGRATULATIONS, LESLA-LAR! YOU HAVE CREATED ANOTHER GREAT INVENTION!
LATER, DURING THE AFTERNOON LUNCH HOUR, LINDA, STILL BELIEVING SHE IS LESLA-LAR, VISITS INTERESTING KANDORIAN SIGHTS...
THE HALL OF HEROES... AMONG THOSE HONORED ARE SUPERMAN OF EARTH, AND HIS FATHER JOR-EL!
NEXT, IN THE "HALL OF VILLAINS"...
THIS GREAT MURAL DRAMATICALLY ILLUSTRATES HOW THAT FIEND, BRAINIAC, REDUCED THE CITY OF KANDOR TO MINIATURE SIZE IN A BOTTLE! SOME DAY HE WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, AND PAY FOR THAT GHASTLY CRIME!


AFTERWARD...
THIS IS "THE HALL OF SLEEPERS"... WHERE VOLUNTEERS ARE PLACED INTO A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION, TO BE AWAKENED 1000 YEARS FROM NOW! THEIR MISSION: TO PRESERVE PRESENT-DAY KANDORIAN IDEALS!... FORMERLY, SUSPENDED ANIMATION WAS ILLEGAL!


WHEN "LESLA-LAR" RETURNS TO WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT LAB, SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE CRIME-DETECTOR APPARATUS REVEALS A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT IS OCCURRING HERE!
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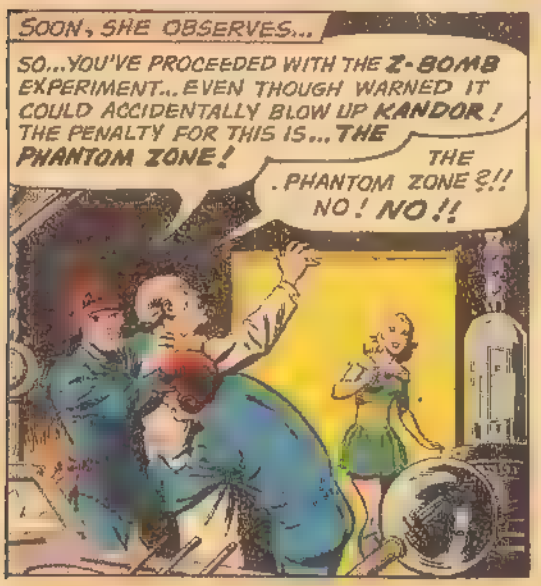
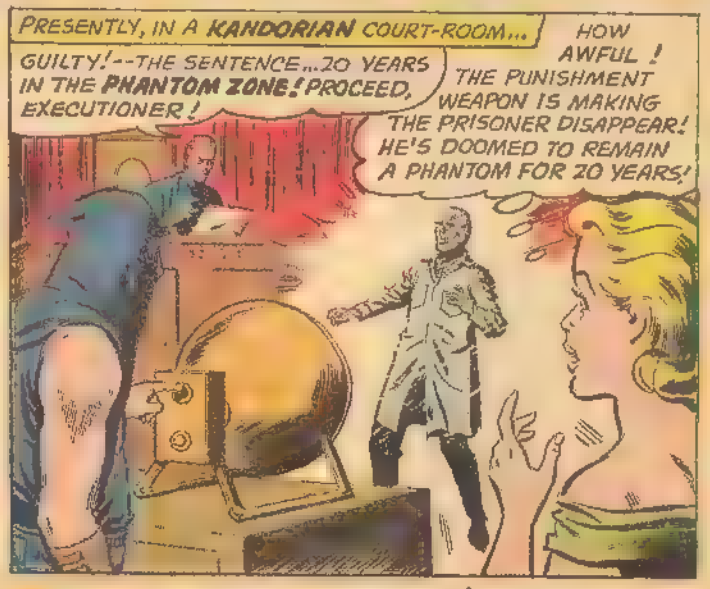
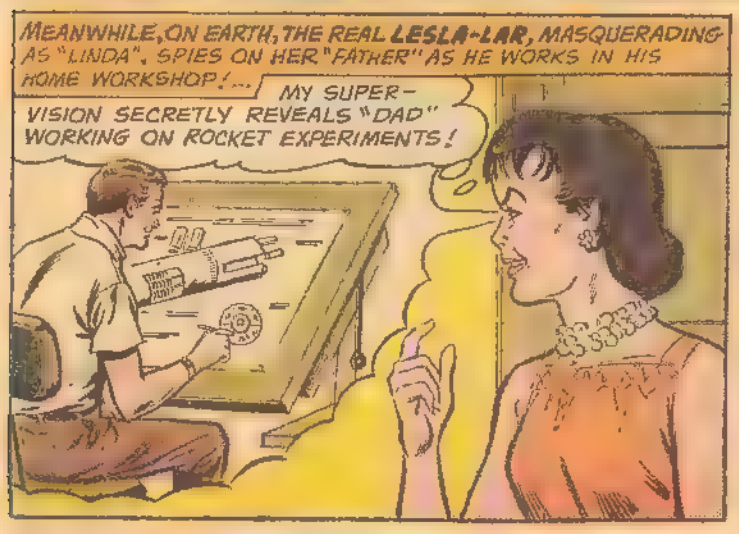

SOON, SHE OBSERVES...
SO...YOU'VE PROCEEDED WITH THE Z-BOMB EXPERIMENT...EVEN THOUGH WARNED IT COULD ACCIDENTALLY BLOW UP KANDOR! THE PENALTY FOR THIS IS...THE PHANTOM ZONE!
THE PHANTOM ZONE?!! NO! NO!!


PRESENTLY, IN A KANDORIAN COURT-ROOM...
GUILTY!--THE SENTENCE...20 YEARS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! PROCEED, EXECUTIONER!
HOW AWFUL! THE PUNISHMENT WEAPON IS MAKING THE PRISONER DISAPPEAR! HE'S DOOMED TO REMAIN A PHANTOM FOR 20 YEARS!


MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, THE REAL LESLA-LAR, MASQUERADING AS "LINDA", SPIES ON HER "FATHER" AS HE WORKS IN HIS HOME WORKSHOP!...
MY SUPER-VISION SECRETLY REVEALS "DAD" WORKING ON ROCKET EXPERIMENTS!

SOME DAY I'LL STEAL HIS IDEAS, AND USE THEM FOR MY OWN PURPOSES! MEANWHILE, I'VE SOME PLANS OF MY OWN...SINISTER PLANS, THAT WILL ASTOUND EARTH!--MY FIRST MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE TONIGHT!
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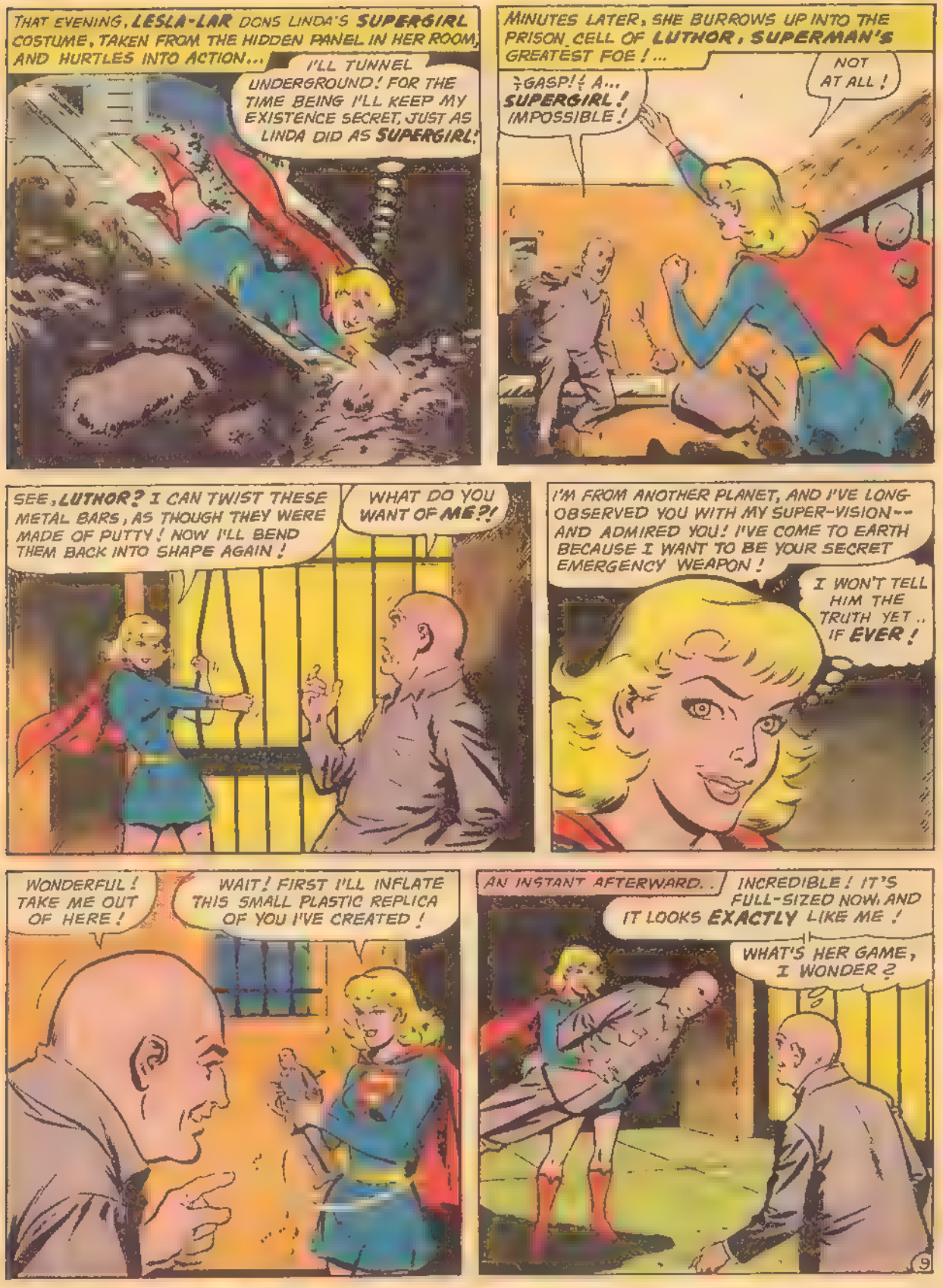
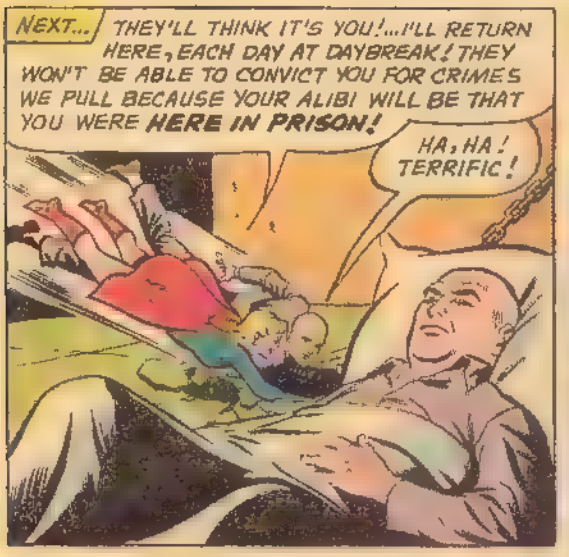
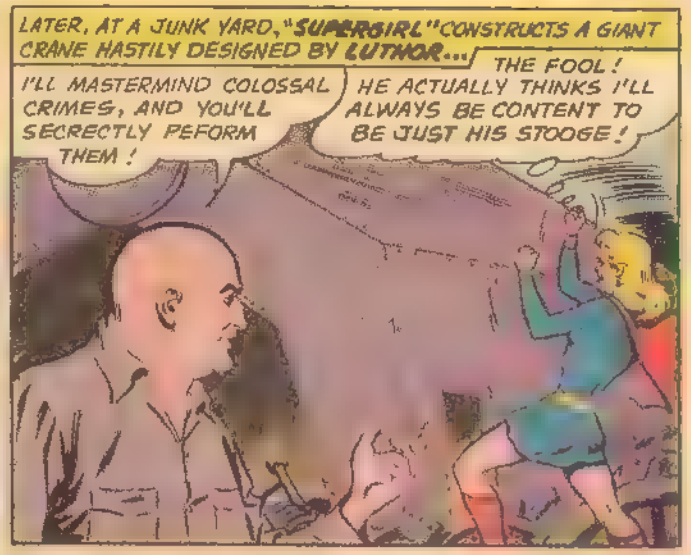
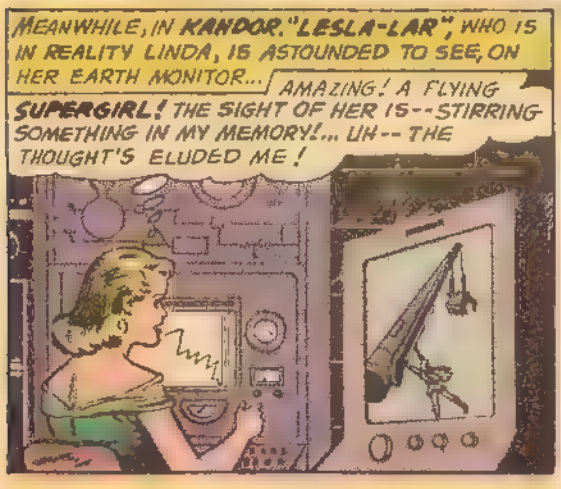
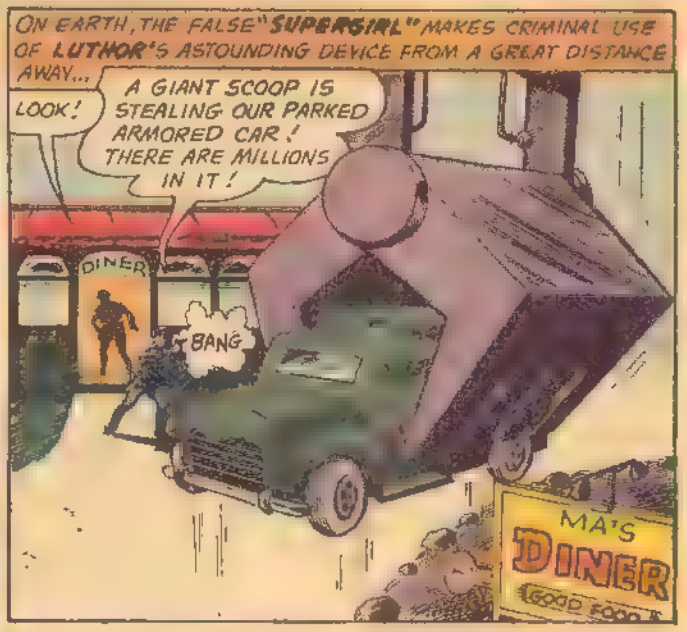

THAT EVENING, LESLA-LAR DONS LINDA'S SUPERGIRL COSTUME, TAKEN FROM THE HIDDEN PANEL IN HER ROOM, AND HURTLES INTO ACTION...
I'LL TUNNEL UNDERGROUND! FOR THE TIME BEING I'LL KEEP MY EXISTENCE SECRET, JUST AS LINDA DID AS SUPERGIRL!
MINUTES LATER, SHE BURROWS UP INTO THE PRISON CELL OF LUTHOR, SUPERMAN'S GREATEST FOE!...
GASP!! A... SUPERGIRL! IMPOSSIBLE!
NOT AT ALL!
SEE, LUTHOR? I CAN TWIST THESE METAL BARS, AS THOUGH THEY WERE MADE OF PUTTY! NOW I'LL BEND THEM BACK INTO SHAPE AGAIN!
WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?!
I'M FROM ANOTHER PLANET, AND I'VE LONG OBSERVED YOU WITH MY SUPER-VISION--AND ADMIRED YOU! I'VE COME TO EARTH BECAUSE I WANT TO BE YOUR SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON!
I WON'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH YET.. IF EVER!
WONDERFUL! TAKE ME OUT OF HERE!
WAIT! FIRST I'LL INFLATE THIS SMALL PLASTIC REPLICA OF YOU I'VE CREATED!
AN INSTANT AFTERWARD..
INCREDIBLE! IT'S FULL-SIZED NOW! AND IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME!
WHAT'S HER GAME, I WONDER?

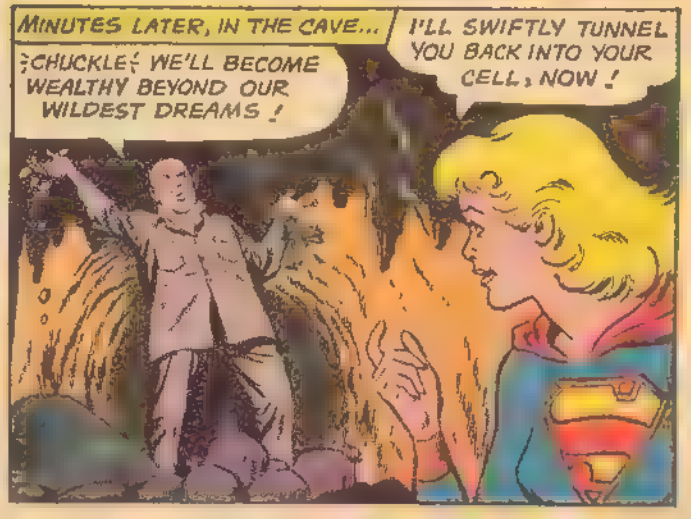

NEXT... THEY'LL THINK IT'S YOU!...I'LL RETURN HERE, EACH DAY AT DAYBREAK! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO CONVICT YOU FOR CRIMES WE PULL BECAUSE YOUR ALIBI WILL BE THAT YOU WERE HERE IN PRISON!
HA, HA! TERRIFIC!

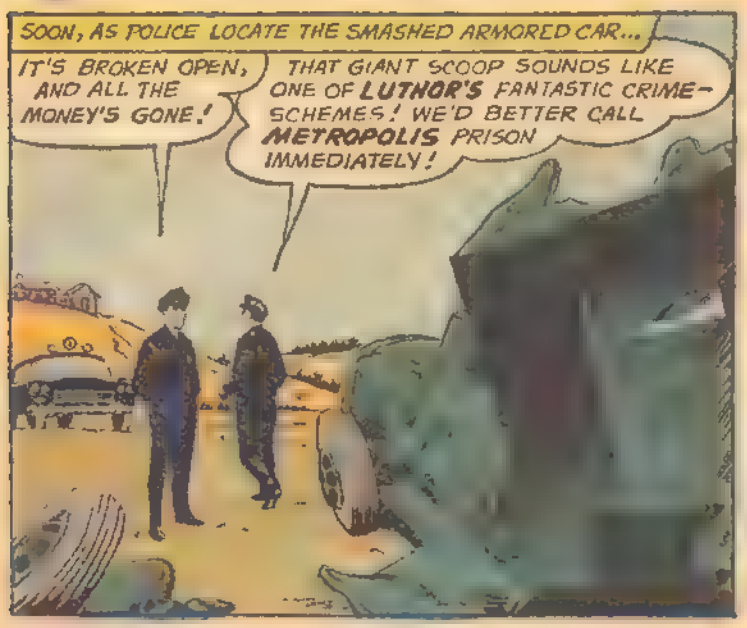

LATER, AT A JUNK YARD, "SUPERGIRL" CONSTRUCTS A GIANT CRANE HASTILY DESIGNED BY LUTHOR...
I'LL MASTERMIND COLOSSAL CRIMES, AND YOU'LL SECRETLY PEFORM THEM!
THE FOOL! HE ACTUALLY THINKS I'LL ALWAYS BE CONTENT TO BE JUST HIS STOOGE!

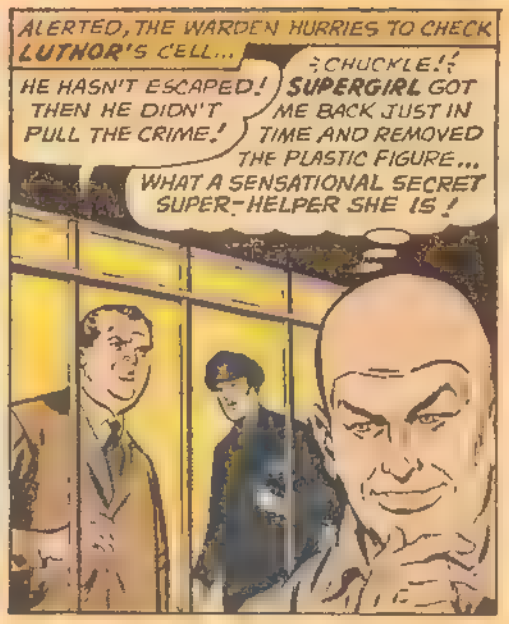

MEANWHILE, IN KANDOR, "LESLA-LAR", WHO IS IN REALITY LINDA, IS ASTOUNDED TO SEE, ON HER EARTH MONITOR...
AMAZING! A FLYING SUPERGIRL! THE SIGHT OF HER IS--STIRRING SOMETHING IN MY MEMORY!... UH--THE THOUGHT'S ELUDED ME!

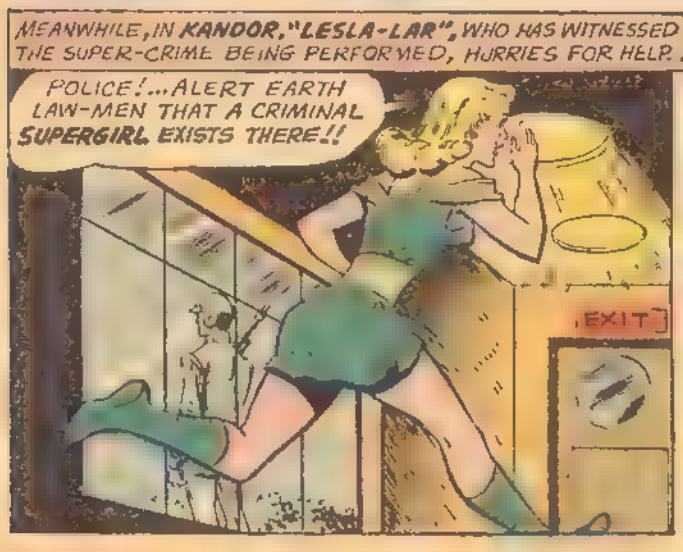

ON EARTH, THE FALSE "SUPERGIRL" MAKES CRIMINAL USE OF LUTHOR'S ASTOUNDING DEVICE FROM A GREAT DISTANCE AWAY...
LOOK! A GIANT SCOOP IS STEALING OUR PARKED ARMORED CAR! THERE ARE MILLIONS IN IT!
DINER
BANG
MA'S DINER
GOOD FOOD

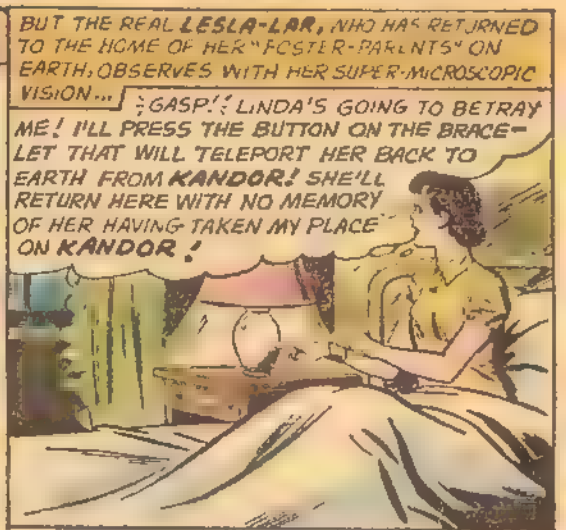
MILES AWAY, THE VILLAINESS OF STEEL LETS THE ARMORED CAR DROP...
HA, HA! THE FALL BROKE OPEN THE CAR, LIKE A CRACKED NUT, AND RICHES ARE SPILLING OUT! QUICK! TRANSPORT THE LOOT AND ME TO MY SECRET CAVE!

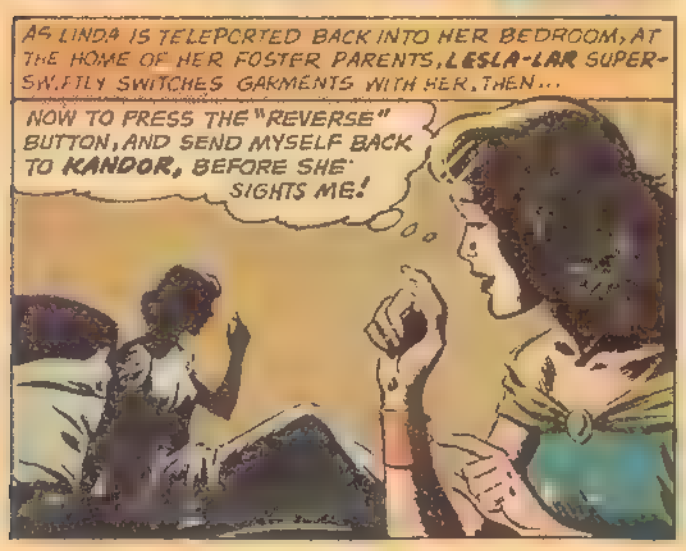

MINUTES LATER, IN THE CAVE...
;CHUCKLE; WE'LL BECOME WEALTHY BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS!
I'LL SWIFTLY TUNNEL YOU BACK INTO YOUR CELL, NOW!


SOON, AS POLICE LOCATE THE SMASHED ARMORED CAR...
IT'S BROKEN OPEN, AND ALL THE MONEY'S GONE!
THAT GIANT SCOOP SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF LUTHOR'S FANTASTIC CRIME-SCHEMES! WE'D BETTER CALL METROPOLIS PRISON IMMEDIATELY!

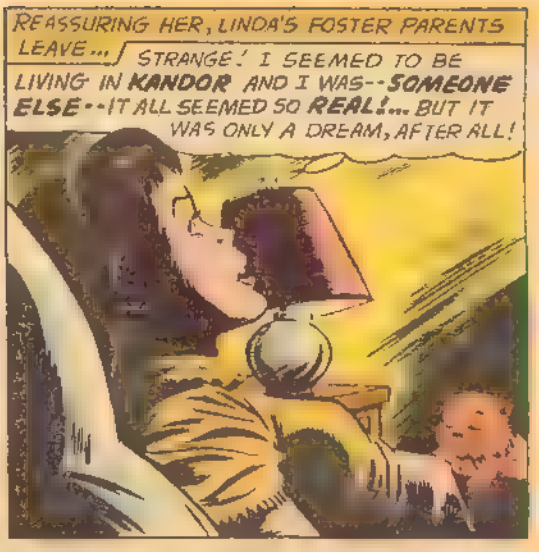

ALERTED, THE WARDEN HURRIES TO CHECK LUTHOR'S CELL...
HE HASN'T ESCAPED! THEN HE DIDN'T PULL THE CRIME!
:CHUCKLE!: SUPERGIRL GOT ME BACK JUST IN TIME AND REMOVED THE PLASTIC FIGURE... WHAT A SENSATIONAL SECRET SUPER-HELPER SHE IS!

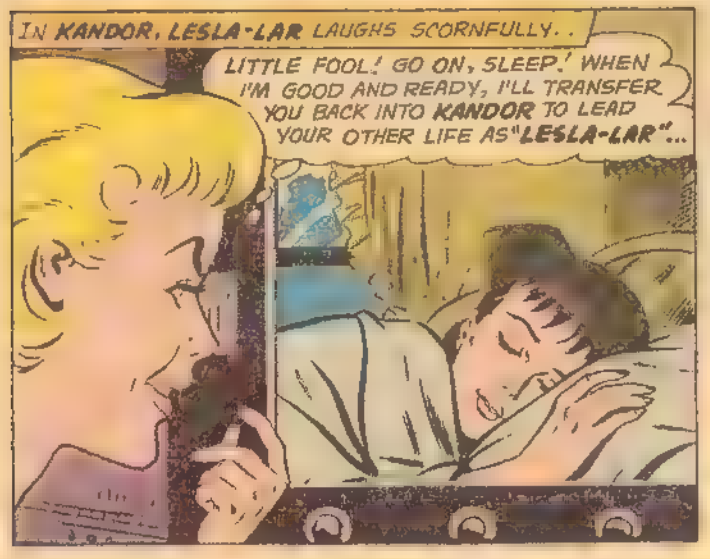

MEANWHILE, IN KANDOR, "LESLA-LAR", WHO HAS WITNESSED THE SUPER-CRIME BEING PERFORMED, HURRIES FOR HELP.
POLICE!...ALERT EARTH LAW-MEN THAT A CRIMINAL SUPERGIRL EXISTS THERE!!
EXIT


BUT THE REAL LESLA-LAR, WHO HAS RETURNED TO THE HOME OF HER "FOSTER-PARENTS" ON EARTH, OBSERVES WITH HER SUPER-MICROSCOPIC VISION...
:GASP!: LINDA'S GOING TO BETRAY ME! I'LL PRESS THE BUTTON ON THE BRACELET THAT WILL TELEPORT HER BACK TO EARTH FROM KANDOR! SHE'LL RETURN HERE WITH NO MEMORY OF HER HAVING TAKEN MY PLACE ON KANDOR!


AS LINDA IS TELEPORTED BACK INTO HER BEDROOM, AT THE HOME OF HER FOSTER PARENTS, LESLA-LAR SUPER-SWIFTLY SWITCHES GARMENTS WITH HER. THEN...
NOW TO PRESS THE "REVERSE" BUTTON, AND SEND MYSELF BACK TO KANDOR, BEFORE SHE SIGHTS ME!

FINDING HERSELF IN THE DARKENED ROOM, LINDA SCREAMS..
YI!...!!! ...HELP! HELP!
WHAT'S WRONG, LINDA?





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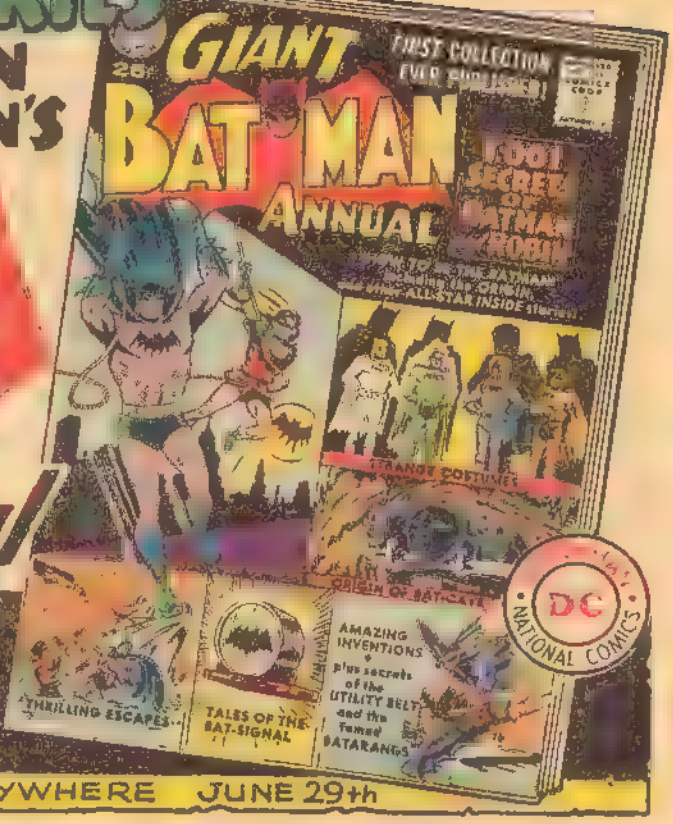

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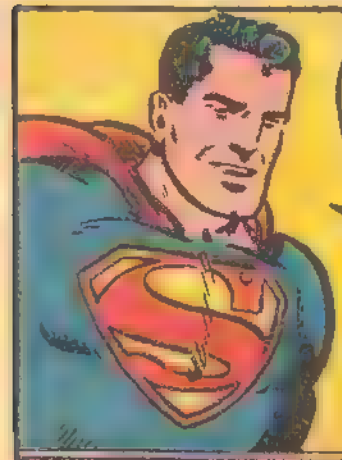

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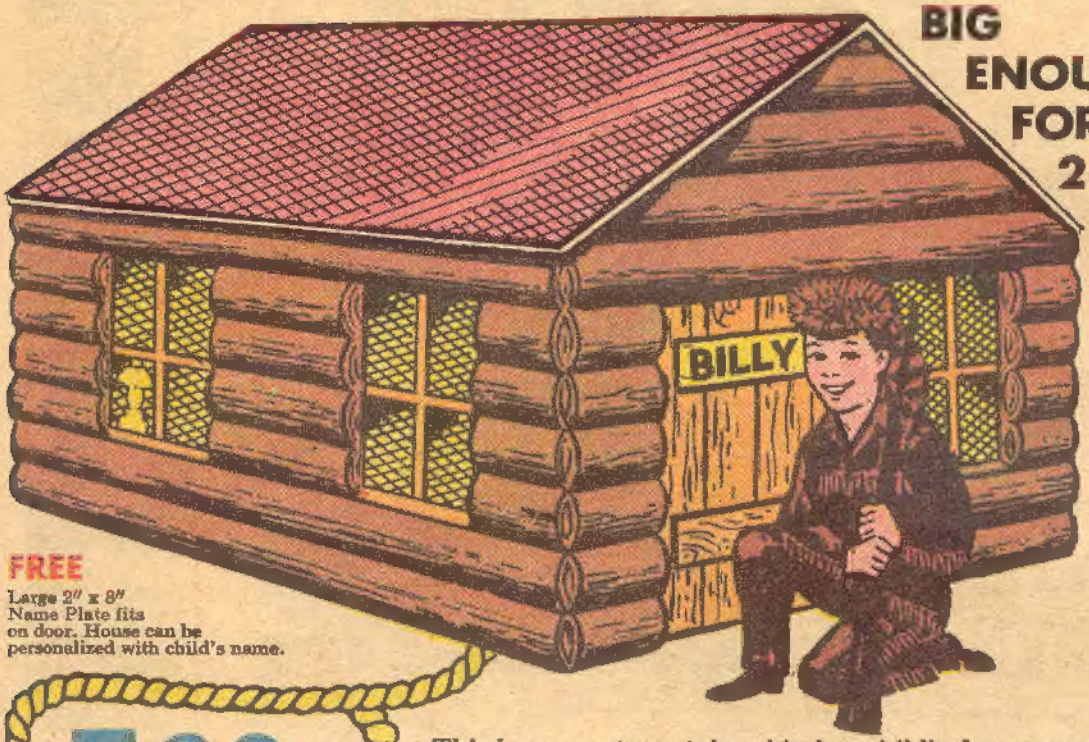

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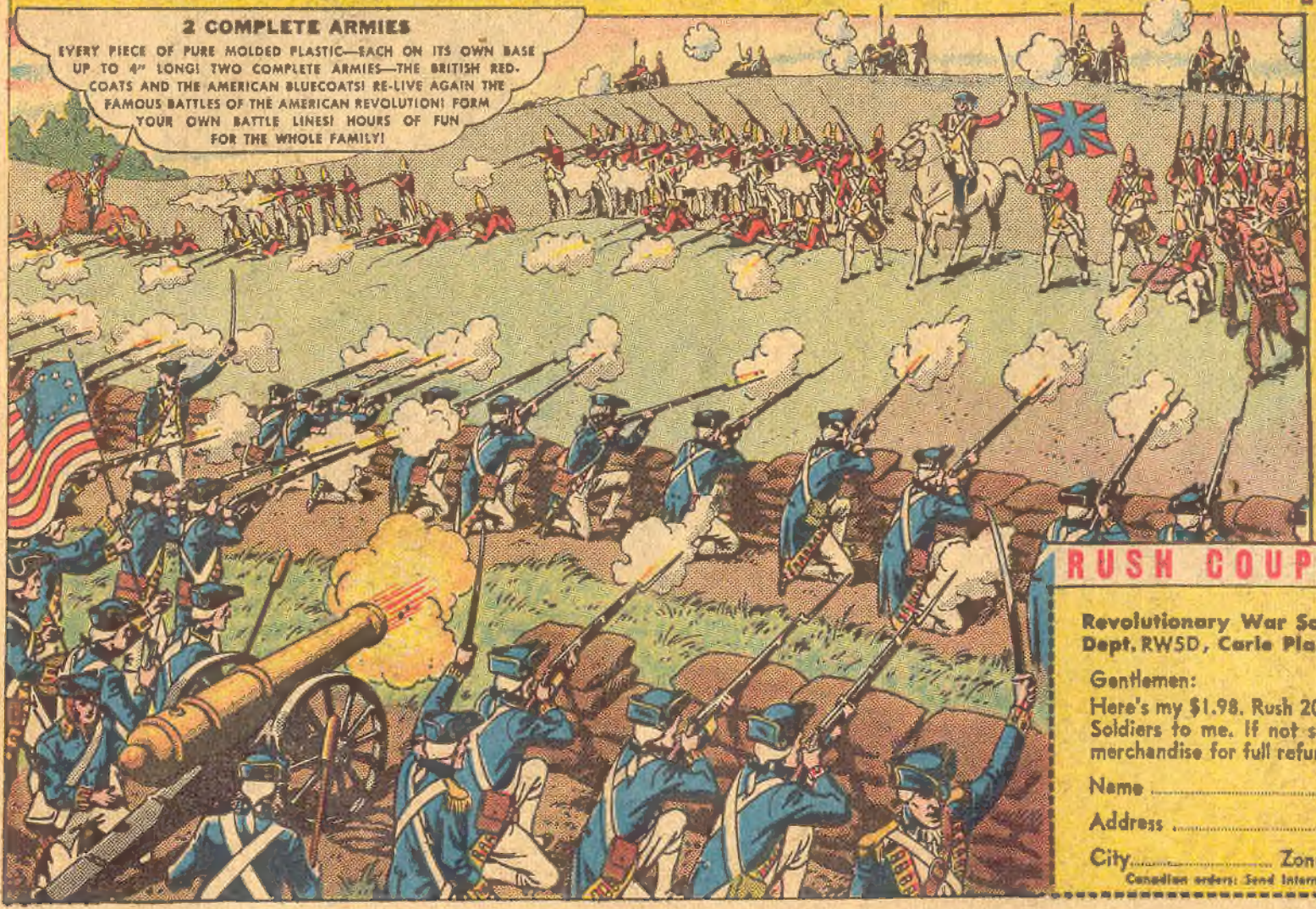

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